



DVRPC Regional Citizen's Committee Statement and Resolution on the Pennypack Trail

The following resolution was adopted by the Regional Citizen's Committee (RCC) of the DVRPC on December 15, 2010.

The Regional Citizen's Committee (RCC) supports the successful "rails with trails" principle as a highly desirable way to achieve both freight or passenger rail service and pedestrian trails in the same corridor.

Specifically, we believe that the Pennypack Trail, already built, paved, and operating across Northeast Philadelphia as far as Pine Road, should be extended to the banks of the Pennypack Creek and to the proposed Cross County Corridor in eastern Montgomery County. This route should replace the disconnected gravel path built upon the Fox Chase-Newtown rail line between Rockledge Borough and route 232. Further north, it should incorporate the existing Creek Road Trail, instead of the rail grade.

Such alignment will likely prove to be the least expensive, most promptly achieved, most direct, and most physically attractive routing for the Pennypack Trail.

Non-use of the Fox Chase-Newtown rail grade in this trail alignment will facilitate the ultimate restoration of rail service.

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