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PHOTO CAPTION: Chester County Commissioners Ryan Costello (left), Terence Farrell (second right) and Kathi Cozzone (right) are joined by Spring City Borough Council President Louis S. DiGuiseppe (second left) and John Giordano, Deputy Secretary, PA-Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (center), as they cut the ribbon, officially opening Chester County's phase one portion of the Schuylkill River Trail.



COUNTY OPENS SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL, ANNOUNCES STREETScape FUNDING FOR SPRING CITY

SPRING CITY, PA_Chester County Commissioners visited Spring City Borough this week, announcing new infrastructure improvements to assist the Borough, and to further regional trail efforts.

At a press conference at Riversedge Shopping Center, the Commissioners officially dedicated the first phase of the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) in the County. The County recently completed 5.6 miles of the regional trail, which will ultimately run from Pottsville in Schuylkill County to the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

Chester County's portion includes the Cromby trailhead, located on Township Line Road in East Pikeland Township, northward to Parkerford, south of Linfield Road in East Coventry Township. Cost of the first-phase trail construction was \$1.9 million, and the County received \$406,000 from PA-Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to complete what the Commonwealth considers to be an important segment of the trail.

When completed in Chester County, the SRT will parallel the Schuylkill River from the Route 422 bridge at Pottstown, south to the Route 29 bridge into Mont Clare, a distance of approximately twelve miles.

The Commissioners also announced the award of \$594,000 in Phase IV Streetscape improvements for Spring City, as part of the County's Community Revitalization Program (CRP). Funds will pay for new curbs and sidewalks, street trees and lights, traffic islands, traffic signal posts and new signs. These improvements help to complete the Borough's 2003 Revitalization Plan for the central business district of Bridge and Main Streets. The County's first phase of funding began in 2003. With this round, Spring City has received a cumulative total of \$3.2 million under the County's CRP.

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