

The Liberty-Water Gap Trail is
envisioned to connect Liberty
State Park in Jersey City, NJ with
Delaware Water Gap, PA. Efforts
are underway to extend this trail
into Pennsylvania via the
Portland-Columbia Pedestrian
Bridge, serving as a new
recreational connection between
many existing trails in the

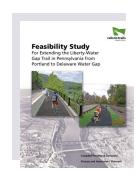


Delaware Water Gap region



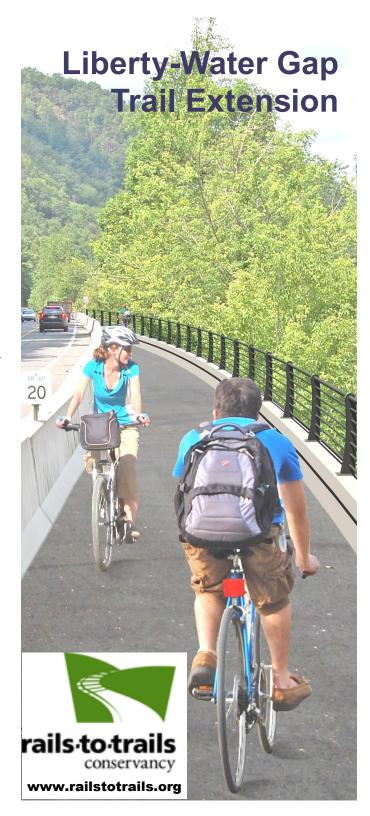
Copies of the Study can be viewed at:

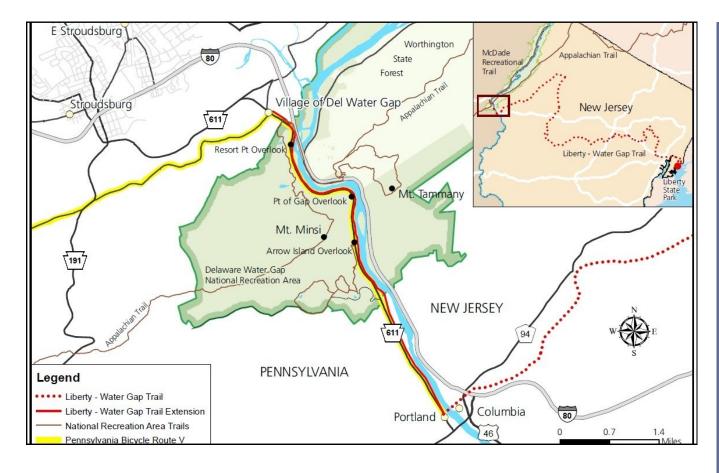
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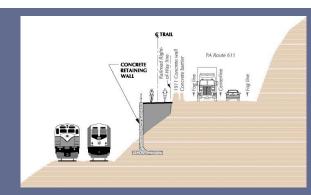




A local committee of Pennsylvania and New Jersey citizens is working to implement the goals of the feasibility study for extending the New Jersey based Liberty-Water Gap Trail into Pennsylvania. The study recommends construction of a dedicated pathway, parallel to PA Route 611, that will provide a safe route for non-motorized travel between boroughs of Portland and Delaware Water Gap. This final section of the 150 mile Liberty-Water Gap Trail will also provide access to national, regional and local trails, such as the Appalachian Trail, the highly popular McDade Trail and the soon-to-be established 911 Memorial Trail.

Locally, the trail will enhance the walking and bicycling connectivity between the two communities, serving a number of neighborhoods, schools, parks and business districts. The positive economic impacts of trail users have been well documented across the country. Both Portland and Delaware Water Gap currently offer trail amenities such as food, lodging and services, and can benefit more in the future with completion of the trail.

The trail will promote sustainable communities by building upon the natural and historical features, community structures, as well as recreational and cultural attractions already present to make the area more attractive to residents and visitors alike.



The project's success will require a commitment by volunteer citizens and leaders of Delaware Water Gap, Portland and Upper Mount Bethel Township, working in conjunctions with representatives from various local, state and federal agencies. For more information on how you can help and a link to the study, please see contact information listed on the reverse side.

The Pennsylvania Extension of the Liberty-Water Gap trail is located within one of America's densest trail systems:

911 Memorial Trail
Liberty-Water Gap Trail
Paulinskill Valley Trail
Knowlton Trail
Appalachian Trail
D&L National Heritage Corridor
DWGNRA Trails
Cherry Creek Crossing Loop Trail
Arrow Island Trail
Side Trail at the Resort Point Overlook
McDade Trail
Levee Loop Trail
Pennsylvania Bicycle Route V
Bike to Nature Trail