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Richland School District
Richland Township Supervisors
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REACHLAND
Recreational and Environmentally safe Accessway for Community and Healthy living.

CONNECT

ECREATION ENTERTAINMENT & COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE & SAFE GREENWAYS
ACCESSIBLE WALKWAYS & BIKEWAYS
CONNECTING CAMPUS COMMUNITY TO COMMERCE
EALTHY LIVING

MAP OF REACHLAND

PHASE I PHASE II BIKE TRAILS

Pitt Johnstown Richland Town Centre
Richland High School
Graystone Medical CPA

SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
THEATER DRIVE
HIGHFIELD AVE
V T ECH ROAD

PITT-JOHNS TOWN

SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
THE PROJECT

REACHLand Connect includes a 2,150-foot paved bike path along with 3,400 feet of sidewalk. The first phase will connect Pitt-Johnstown, Penn Highlands, Richland School District, Highland Community Library, Richland Township Municipal Building and Richland Town Centre.

The paved and lighted paths will allow residents and visitors alike to walk, run, cycle, and rollerblade or simply stroll and enjoy the education placards along the way. ADA crosswalks and access points will encourage people of all ages, experience and fitness levels to participate.

Donor-sponsored benches and picnic areas will be located along the path.

It is envisioned, that with additional funding support, subsequent phases will connect Theater Drive businesses and residents, including the GrayStone Court Apartment Complex, to the campus and Richland Town Centre, extend the trail through the Richland Industrial Park Complex to the Johnstown Galleria and connect to the existing Pitt-Johnstown bike trails to the region’s trail infrastructure.

THE VISION

- Recreational walkways and bike paths which serve the community and attract visitors
- Environmentally sustainable access way connecting our scenic resources with destination amenities
- Accessway that links campus and community with commerce and culture
- Community connection for social enrichment, economic development and environmental sustainability
- Healthy living, yielding life-changing results

This project aligns with the ideas and goals laid out in Vision 2025 “to better our community through life-sustaining landscapes.”

“We believe the University and the Community are inextricably tied together; their fortunes rising or falling with the tides; their harvest a bounty of hopes and dreams realized.”

Jem Spectar, President
Pitt-Johnstown

HEALTH BENEFITS

Walk and bike-friendly communities improve health and the quality of life. A growing body of evidence shows that one hour of exercise can boost academic performance and chances of success and a 30-minute walk or bike ride can lower the risk of chronic disease.

IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH
LOWER RISK OF BREAST CANCER
LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE
LOWER HYPERTENSION
LOWER RISK OF DIABETES
LOWER RISK OF HEART DISEASE
LOWER OBESITY RATES

In totality, REACHLand Connect is a cost effective and common sense initiative to enhance population health and to improve the overall wellness of our region.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The economic impact of connecting an estimated 8,000 people to the Richland Town Centre and neighboring businesses will be significant. New jobs will be created and additional jobs will be preserved with the increase in pedestrian and bike way traffic.

The Richland community is uniquely positioned to be the anchoring destination for visitors who want to take advantage of our community bike trails and the many others located within a 40 mile radius, including the Quemahoning, Blue Knob, Yellow Creek and Laurel Mountain, The Great Allegheny Pass, and The Ghost Town Trail.

Neighboring trail towns along the Great Allegheny Pass have seen annual spending by trail users exceed $40 million.

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3,400 feet of sidewalk

NO BIKE, NO PROBLEM

Borrow-a-Bike stations, equipped with trail maps, will provide borrowing and renting opportunities to encourage sustainable transportation options.

SHOP
RIDE
DINE
WALK
HIKE
EXPLORE
EXPERIENCE

connecting 8,000 people to businesses

10 NEW JOBS
20 JOBS PRESERVED