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Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail Designated National Recreation Trail in Delaware
Joins 2010 Designated National Recreation Trail James F. Hall Trail

Newark, DE (June 11, 2013) – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Director of the National Park Service Jonathan B. Jarvis have announced the designation of 28 trails as national recreation trails, adding almost 650 miles of trails to the National Trails System. The Pomeroy and Newark Trail is one of four National Recreation Trails designated in Delaware this year.

"From coast to coast, the National Trails System helps connect American families with the wonders of the great outdoors," said Secretary Jewell. "These 28 new national recreation trails, established through partnerships with local communities and stakeholders, connect federal, state and local lands and waters to provide access to inexpensive, enjoyable outdoor activities for all Americans."

The Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail, a sister trail to the James F. Hall Trail that opened in 2003 and received National Recreation Trail designation in 2010, provides a crucial connection between Newark's central business district, city parks, the University of Delaware, and White Clay Creek State Park. One million people live within 20 miles of the trail, from families who want to take a trip to the park to hikers, joggers, and mountain bikers to students who want to get to class on time. The 4.18-mile trail improves pedestrian safety and mobility, promotes cycling and non-motorized transportation, relieves traffic congestion, encourages physical fitness, and provides a diverse experience from the heart of Newark's business district to the White Clay Creek State Park.

"I am so pleased to hear of the national recognition for the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail," said Newark City Manager Carol Houck. "Quite simply, the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail and the connecting James F. Hall Trail have become local treasures through their delivery of easy access to nature, our award winning downtown and trails that are farther north. The positive impact they bring to the quality of life in our community is priceless."

"Having another City of Newark trail designated a National Recreation Trail is a great honor for our City. We are extremely thankful to all the people and organizations that helped make this possible," said Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk, III.

Thanks are due to the many partners that helped make the trail a reality. The City of Newark partnered with the Federal Highway Administration, Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware State Parks, University of Delaware, University Courtyard Apartments, and DART to make the project happen.

For more information, please contact Charles Emerson, City of Newark Parks and Recreation Director, at (302) 366-7060 or e-mail cemerson@newark.de.us or go to www.cityofnewarkde.us/parksrecreation and click on "Parks and Trails".

National Recreation Trails are components of the National Trails System and recognize existing trails that connect people to important natural, recreational and cultural places and improve their quality of life. The program is jointly administered by the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with other federal and nonprofit partners, notably American Trails. Each of the trails added to the system will receive a certificate of designation and trail markers. They become part of a national network of more than 1,050 trails encompassing more than 12,500 miles.

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