

French Creek Trail Site Analysis and Improvements Plan

The French Creek Trail is part of the Circuit, a regional trail network throughout southeastern Pennsylvania with connections to the Appalachian Trail.

This project provided a detailed analysis for the design and construction the French Creek Trail in East Pikeland Township, and is a step toward implementation of the Township’s Trail Plan and its Open Space and Economic Development Plan (Sarcinello Planning & GIS Services was a consultant on both of these projects as well).

The project involved a site analysis, which assessed existing natural and man-made features, historic sites, land use, and land ownership along the trail corridor, as well as a series of plans that detailed trail improvements and trail amenities to be installed.

The Township secured PA DCNR funding to construct the trail which is now open to the public and includes paved ADA-accessible and natural surface segments, a pedestrian bridge over French Creek, trailhead parking, benches, and signage. Interpretive signs describe historic sites along the trail, and landscaping treatments screen the trail from adjacent properties where necessary. In addition to historic sites, the trail connects people to shopping areas, the municipal complex, and the regional trail network.

