

HABPI Honors Healthy Eastern Adams Rails-to-Trails Organization (HEART)



Left-to-right: Emma Diehl, Shelly Livingston, John Schlaline (Secretary), Walt Geiger (President) and Jan Hoffman (Vice President). Standing on proposed trail alignment.

Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc. (HABPI) has named Healthy Eastern Adams Rails & Trails (HEART) its Trailblazer of the Year in recognition of the organization's work to advance the development of the East Berlin Railroad Trail.

The pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly trail is slated to run from the town of East Berlin to Berlin Junction, a stop on the historic Western Maryland Railroad located just southeast of New Oxford. Phase One of the trail will be integrated into the planned Kuhn's Woods public park in East Berlin. A second phase is planned to continue south from East Berlin to Pine Run Road. This is the first such project in the eastern Adams region of the county.

"We're encouraged by the good work HEART is doing to build a rail trail out of East Berlin," said HABPI president Eric Meyer. "By planning to work closely with the East Berlin Borough Council, East Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission, and Hamilton Township, they're doing a great job moving the project toward fruition. An in-depth feasibility study was completed in 2015. We're looking forward to seeing this trail take shape as an excellent resource for healthy outdoor recreation for the community. "The hard-working, all-volunteer HEART Board certainly deserves this recognition," said Meyer. "They're fostering long-term health, quality of life, and economic development for the community."

HABPI is dedicated to developing walking and bicycling trails in Adams County for recreation and transportation. It names a Trailblazer of the Year annually to recognize community members who have contributed significantly to the development of walking and bicycling trails in Adams County. For more information, visit HABPI.org.