

BUILDING THE SHEEPSKIN TRAIL

Phase-1 was let for bids in fall of 2007. Construction commenced on December 18, 2007. It involved constructing 2.1 miles of trail and one comfort station. A ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred on May 29, 2008. The final walk-through happened on July 14, 2008.

At the southern end of the trail, and as a component of the Purchase / Sales Agreement between Fayette County and CSX Realty, Fayette County hired a consultant to perform an analysis of the soils on property owned by CSX Railroad which the county intends to purchase. The county looks forward to a briefing in August 2008 on this subject. Simultaneously, the county's solicitor and chief assessor are working to finalize deed research work on CSX property prior to completing the purchase, which is expected to occur by this fall. County leaders recognize the significance of building the Sheepskin Trail at the southern end as well. For example, our neighbors to the south, West Virginia, have completed their Mon River Trail which traverses from Morgantown, WV to Point Marion, Pennsylvania. It remains our goal to expeditiously connect the two trails.

Phase-2 is anticipated to be let for bids in the fall of this year—2008. Construction is expected to start approximately in mid-December 2008 or January 2009. It should conclude sometime in May / June of 2009.

Phase-3 is programmed to be let for bids in the fall of 2009 with construction expected to start approximately in mid-December 2009 or January 2010. It should end sometime in May / June of 2010.