

**LindenPointe Trail  
 Hermitage City  
 Mercer County, PA**

**Project Description:**

Weaving through homes, offices, shaded areas and open space, the LindenPointe Trail attracts residents, office workers and children alike. Though they would usually avoid the area due to the number of buildings located there, deer and other wildlife frequent the natural park-like portion.

The 1.85 mile LindenPointe Trail, which winds through Lindenpointe Innovative Business Campus in Hermitage City, “enhance[s] the beauty and environmental quality of the campus,” said Marcia Hirschmann, City of Hermitage Planning & Development Director.

It was the desire to create an environmentally sound and aesthetically pleasing buffer between the residential and business districts that prompted further development of the trail in 2007. While it does separate the locations, it does not alienate residents and workers from each other.

“The park is used extensively by the employees of the businesses within the park, and especially by the neighboring residents,” Hirschmann said.

In the mid-1980s the business campus was built on an abandoned private airport property, reusing the land to create jobs and stimulate planned development within the community. In addition to providing recreation amenities and attracting wildlife to the area, the

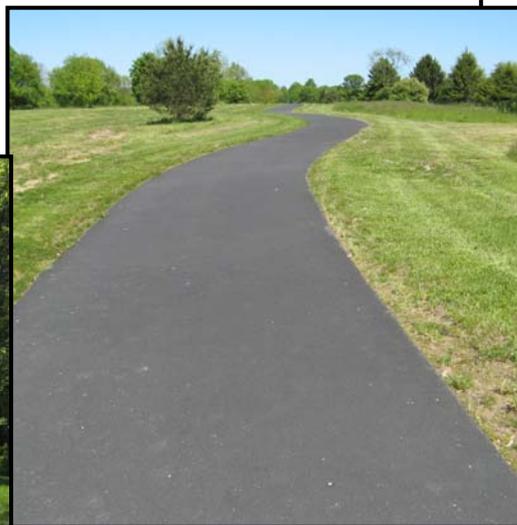


park trails play an important roll in attracting businesses.

The park is “a key feature in the marketing of the sites to businesses who require quality-of-life amenities to attract professional employees,” Hirschmann said.

“We feel that the trail system has been the perfect catalyst to integrate the residential neighborhoods with the business campus, and to give something of use and beauty to the people living nearby.”

The LindenPointe Trail was extended in 2007 by a \$100,000 Keystone grant from DCNR. In part, the money also funded the addition of benches and trashcans, landscaping and ensuring the trail’s ADA accessibility.



**Quote:** Marcia Hirschmann, City of Hermitage Planning & Development Department Director

“Any day of reasonable weather will find the trails being enjoyed by youngsters on bicycles, people walking their dogs, mothers with babies in strollers and people of all ages and fitness levels. On a recent visit to the park, the city staff were greeted by a woman who proudly told us she had lost 50 pounds since she started a walking program at LindenPointe.”

**Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:**

2004: \$100,000

Local Match: \$100,000