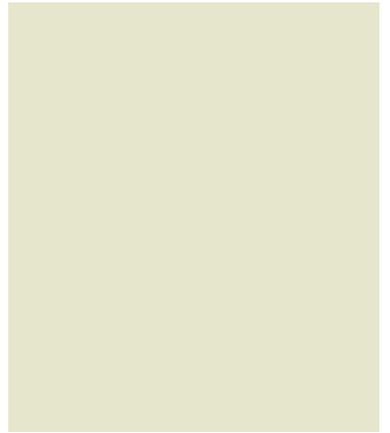


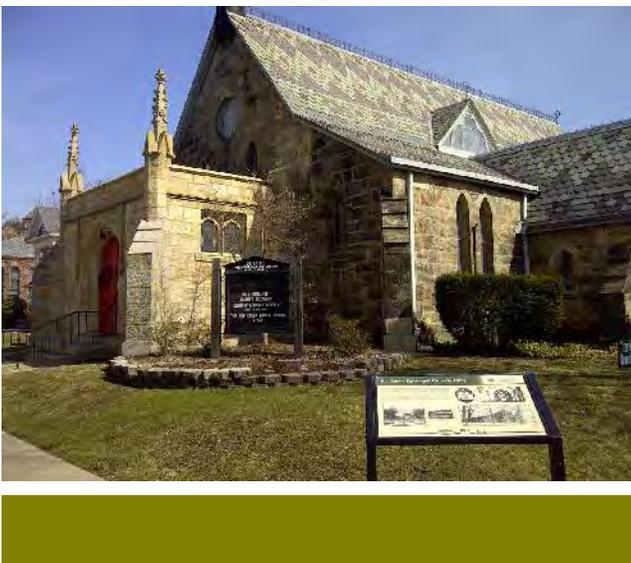
CHAPTER 3 . DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND OF TITUSVILLE



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Recommendations from the Titusville Trail Town Master Plan complement and enhance the livability of Titusville by re-creating attractive spaces for people, promoting and constructing safe routes and complete streets (for walking, cycling and driving), planning for community revitalization projects, and providing opportunity for business expansion to catering to the outdoor and heritage-tourism markets.



EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ASSETS

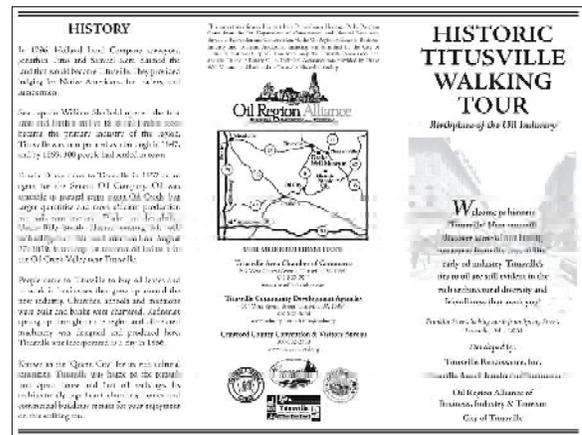
Titusville already has many of the assets for a great trail town such as historical buildings, tree lined streets, a walk-able & bike-able city with a mixed land uses and available parking. The city is surrounded with beautiful outdoor spaces and is known for its' outdoor recreation and natural resources. The area is also known for its history and culture, and is adding to its reputation for long distance running events. Titusville is home to a local university, Pitt-Titusville, and is a direct neighbor to Oil Creek State Park. The city is linked to the park by the scenic railroad and the Queen City Trail. Furthermore, Titusville is home to many hard working people filled with the entrepreneurial spirit that first put it on the map.

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Oil Region Heritage Area: Oil Creek Township, Hydetown Borough, and the City of Titusville, in Crawford County, are part of the Oil Region National Heritage Area, along with all of Venango County. The region was given the designation as the country's 25th National Heritage Area in 2004. Prior to this designation, the region was recognized as an official Pennsylvania Heritage Area in 1994. The entire region is comprised of significant sites, structures, and events that shaped the world's oil industry."

Titusville and the Oil Region are filled with cultural and historic resources. The Titusville Historic District includes a variety of structures representing the time periods of the mid-nineteenth century through the mid-twentieth century. Approximately ninety three percent (93%) of the structures within the district are of the time periods from around 1850-1950. The remaining structures are sporadic throughout the district. The Titusville Historic Walking Tour Pamphlet provides visitors with a field guide to complete the walking tour which in complemented with very well done interpretive signs at each exhibit site.

Source - NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA GREENWAYS, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, April 8, 2009.



ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND

Population in 2011: 5,596.



Change in median per capita income between 2000 and 2009:

Titusville: +20.6%
 State (PA): +29.4%

Mean prices in 2009:

- » All housing units: \$78,830
- » Detached houses: \$78,312
- » Townhouses or other attached units: \$28,577
- » In 2-unit structures: \$85,776
- » In 3-to-4-unit structures: \$174,638
- » In 5-or-more-unit structures: \$47,629
- » Median gross rent in 2009: \$520

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Titusville-Pennsylvania>

Fatal road traffic accident statistics for 1975 - 2009 (per 100,000 population)

Titusville, Pennsylvania:

- » Fatal accident count: 16
- » Vehicles involved in fatal accidents: 21
- » Fatal accidents caused by drunken drivers: 6
- » Fatalities: 19
- » Persons involved in fatal accidents: 36
- » Pedestrians involved in fatal accidents: 6

Pennsylvania average:

- » Fatal accident count: 87
- » Vehicles involved in fatal accidents: 126
- » Fatal accidents caused by drunken drivers: 26
- » Fatalities: 94
- » Persons involved in fatal accidents: 220
- » Pedestrians involved in fatal accidents: 17

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Titusville-Pennsylvania>

EXISTING DATA AND PLANNING DOCUMENT REVIEW

This trail town master plan is consistent with the Oil Creek Region Comprehensive Plan, the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Plan and the Northwest Pennsylvania Greenways Plan. **Titusville's ability to become a successful trail town is supported by its location to Oil Creek State Park in the short term, and its location along the Erie to Pittsburgh Regional Trail system in the long term.**

Other documents reviewed during the master plan process included the following:

Past Reports and Documents

- » Chamber of Commerce Guide to Dining and Shopping...
- » City of Titusville and Crawford County - map
- » Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Backyard Adventures- flyer
- » Congested Corridor Improvement Program and Truck Route Study
- » Historic walking tour - map
- » Mapping for the Queen City Trail (QCT)
- » Maps of the City (*school, work, homes, trail, creek, railroad, truck routes, bridges, surrounding recreation and points of interest*)
- » Official Guide to the Oil Region - brochure
- » Oil Creek Region Comprehensive Plan
- » Oil Creek State Park maps and brochures
- » Oil Region Alliance, Recreational Trails in Allegheny River Region - map
- » PHMC Letter and historic district property descriptions
- » QCT Extension Report
- » Walk Works Study

PROPOSED LIMIT OF STUDY FOR THE TRAIL TOWN MASTER PLAN

The study limits for the project included a primary, secondary and tertiary area of review, level of investigation, and detail for recommendations. The study area is along Main Street and Central Avenue in the heart of Titusville. The trail-to-town route also investigated four different alignments; refer to the Trail-to-Town Route section in the report for detail and recommendations.

- » The primary study area, along Main Street and Central Avenue, was from Perry to Martin Street.
- » The secondary area was from Monroe to Brown.
- » The tertiary area was from the Queen City Trail, exiting Oil State Park, to Route 8 at Spruce Street; and included a business and marketing analysis of the region and its current partners.