



<p>Briefly explain how the project meets the County's guidelines.</p>	<p>Infrastructure - Creating infrastructure that provides an easily accessible route to the highly populated downtown core within the Borough will result in a positive increase of economic vitality. Pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to safely venture off the ELGT and visit State Street businesses, shops and eateries, bringing increased tourism into the community.</p> <p>Public Health/Safety - Creation of this infrastructure will also enhance public safety measures within the community. A deterrent for active transportation is unsafe conditions. The proposed connection would provide an alternate route and a direct trail connection to State Street businesses as opposed to pedestrians and bicyclists having to navigate State Street from the East State Street trailhead. Alternative routes of transportation that provide accessibility to the downtown core promote an increase in recreational activities, which produces a positive impact on the population's health.</p>
<p>Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority.</p>	<p>Seeking to provide a better analysis of existing conditions and proposed improvements, in 2022 the Borough advanced an effort to develop an Active Transportation Plan (Plan). The proposed Project has been identified in the Plan, which will be adopted by the Borough in September, as a high priority Project for implementation. The proposed Project was identified as a top priority project because of its overall benefit, ease of implementation, and public input. As the Borough is the hub of Southern Lancaster County, the proposed Project will greatly impact the region as a whole, providing a much needed connection to the ELGT which serves as a regional recreational asset and economic generator.</p> <p>As part of the development of the Plan, the Borough launched an extensive public outreach strategy. Public input was collected for a month and showed evidence that residents within the region see a need for the proposed Project, especially given concern for safety when navigating the Borough's busy roadways while biking or walking. The Project would provide the public with a direct connection, allowing residents of the Borough a safe alternative to easily connect to the ELGT and enjoy this multi-use trail.</p> <p>This short term project immediately benefits the community by creating a link that is necessary to promote downtown revitalization and support local businesses along State Street, helping them recover from the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These economic benefits will greatly impact not only the Borough, but will also generate additional spin-off investment in other communities off the ELGT.</p>
<p>Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?</p>	<p>Following completion of the Project, the Borough will assume ongoing maintenance costs for the new section of trail, which are anticipated to be minimal.</p>

<p><b>Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.</b></p>	<p>Final design work is currently being completed for the Project. It is anticipated that the Project could begin construction within the next year, with construction completion prior to December 2024.</p>
<p><b>Are other organizations part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why.</b></p>	<p>The Project involves multi-municipal cooperation. A small section of the trail, while still in the Borough, will be built in a trail easement owned by neighboring Providence Township (Township). As such, the Borough and Township have worked collaboratively on the design of the trail alignment. The Township is supportive of the Borough's desire to complete the Project.</p> <p>Additionally, the Project is supported by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC). PDC's mission is to provide local groups with the techniques and strategies necessary to recapture or sustain their downtown or neighborhood as a vibrant civic, social, and economic hub. PDC recognizes the benefits of the proposed Project by providing a connection from the ELGT to downtown Quarryville.</p>
<p><b>ARPA Committee Comments</b></p>	
<p><b>ARPA Committee Recommendation</b></p>	
<p><b>Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)</b></p>	<p>§</p>