MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



M-DTS NEWSLETTER

M-DTS TRAIL WORK/MEETING - 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14 at Dorsey Park (PA Fish Commission Boat Launch at end of Lay Road--see map)

We will use maddocks (big picks) to improve the trail that slabs up a wooded hill just north of the Lay Rd/Johnson Rd intersection (between mille 2.2 and 2.4 on the "East to West" part of MAP #5 of the new M-DT map/guide). Another group will scout a relocation of the trail in a southerly direction between Lay Rd and Booker Rd or Atom Rd (between mile 23.0 and 24.6 on the "West to East" part at MAP #5), and place ribbons to mark what appears to be he best route to get off macadam roads and into woods and fields near the Peach Bottom Plant. A third group will cut throughh brambles for about one-half mile along Broad Creek between Rt. 623 on the north side of the iron bridge to a dirt road near the point where Broad Creek empties into the Susquehanna. This latter relocation has been scouted by Ted Brower and Dave Linthicum.

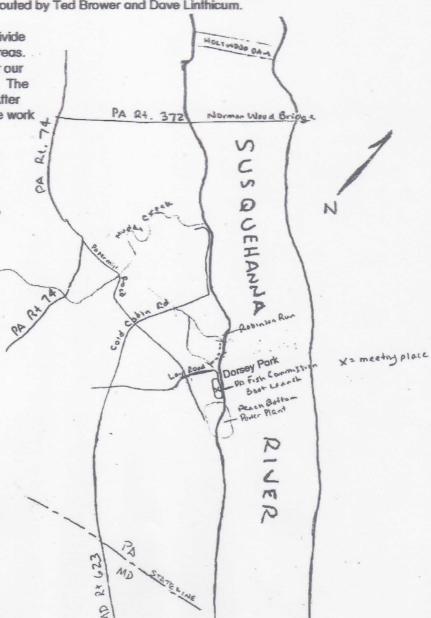
The plan is to convene at Dorsey Park, divide up the troops, and disseminate to various work areas. We'll reconvene at 12:00 noon at Dorsey Park for our bag lunch and have a brief meeting while we eat. The meeting will be devoted entirety to trail reports. After lunch at about 1:00 p.m., we will continue with the work projects as long as people are willing to stay.

Bring lunch, snack and water. Ron Gray will supply the maddocks for the hillside digging. Also, bring any of the following: work gloves, pruning shears. loppers, sickles or sickle bars, weed-whackers and a willingness to give up a little sweat.

Directions

From north: come down PA Rt 74; about 2 miles south of PA Rt 372, at a sharp bend to the right, leave Rt 74 by going straight on Papermill Rd. Stay on Papermill Rd for 3 or 4 miles until turning left at intersection with Lay Rd. Follow Lay Rd to the river and the Fish Commission Boat Launch parking lot.

From south: take Rt 1 about 1 mile south of Conowingo Power Plant and turn right (north) on MD Rt 623. Stay on Rt 623 across Broad Creek and cross into PA after about 7 miles. Continue about 3 more miles into PA on the continuation of Rt 623 (Flintville Rd?) until stop sign at intersection at Lay Road. Turn right (east) on Lay Rd and go 2 miles to the river and the Fish Commission Boat Launch parking lot.



October, 1992

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1992 MEMBERS MEETING

The meeting was held at the Philadelphia Electric Company Conowingo Visitor Center. Members in attendance were: President Rick Maerker, Vivian & Warren Davies, Turner Darden, John Wilds, Ted Brower, Ron Gray, Richard Winemiller, Jim Hooper, Kay Way, Bob Yost, Jean Funk, Dave Linthicum, Mitchel Fujiwara, Mary Bleecker, Clair Piersol, Jim Denny and Yvonne Blades.

The minutes of the last meeting (May 31,1992) were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Bleecker gave the following report for May 26 to Sept. 20, 1992.

Balance - May 26, 1992	\$1510
Receipts	
Dues	140
Sales/Donations	192
Interest	_21
	353
Expenses	
Materials & Supplies	48
August Newsletter	115
Postage	15
	178
Balance - Sept. 20, 1992	\$1685

Notes: 4 new members and 7 renewals since the last meeting.

A total of 46 members have requested map-guides from the treasurer. (Additional copies have been distributed by other members of council).

Yvonne Blades reported that a final dues reminder was sent in July to 27 members who had not yet paid 1992 membership dues and as a result 7 renewals were received. A directory of all current members of M-DTS has now been printed and was distributed to those at the meeting. The directory will be mailed out to other members with the next newsletter.

Trail Reports:

Eastern Section - Tumer Darden and John Wilds checked the section near Grays Hill where there are problems due to housing development. They added posts with blazes through the construction area. They also relocated the trail from a fence line behind new houses onto streets in the development, placing blazes on the curbs. Posts are needed east of Delancey Road to mark the route through meadows to the gas line right of way.

- Warren Davies reports the White Clay Creek Preserve (Delaware section) had given approval to paint blazes on trees were the M-DT is on a trail but to use the carsonite posts along roadways.
- Yvonne Blades reports that the beaver had repaired the long dam in Elk Neck State Forest and this was now the best route for the trail. She had cleared back shrubs along the dam to make passage easier.

Central section - Kay Way reports there is a new maintainer, Pat McElreavey, for the section from Cold Cabin Rd to Dorsey Park. Bob Yost will look after the Lock 12 to Muddy Creek section while his son Richard recovers from a back injury.

Western section - Ron Gray reports the trail is in good shape. The relocation south of Fishing Creek has been completed by Ryan Bowles as an Eagle Scout project and has now been blazed by Jim Hooper.

- Jim Hooper, Richard Winemiller and Ron Gray refreshed blazes in various places along the western section of the M-DT this summer.
- The short section of trail above Wrightsville that was to be relocated onto the road has not yet been reblazed.
- The power poles under the Route 30 bridge have been replaced thus removing our blazes.

Trail fletoccitions Status - Rick Moether, who recently tuked the entire M-DT (alus sections of the AT and Horseshoe Trails - see August Newslotter) led a discussion of possible future trail relocations.

Western section:

Camp Tuckpines area near western ferminus - a possibility.

 A major relocation through State Come Land # 242 north of Pinchot part - needs to be equiled then the research with Come I and a presented.

Possible relocation to the river near Wago Junction

· South of Wrightsville the trail is on a busy road with truck indific to a quarry - high priority to relocate,

Greenbronch to Culla Run - Insil crosses a very rocky section which is treacherous when wet. An Explorer

Past will lake over maintenance of this section and we hope they will improve the Iral

Improvement of trail down to and across Sawmill Run. Dick Tobias discussed with Mark Arbagast of PP&L
the possibility of putting a bridge over Sawmill Run. PP&L willing to contribute 20% of cost. Could try to get
grant through ISTEA (Informatics Surface Transportation Act) for remainder of cost. Dick suggested a small
committee be formed to work on this. Bob Yost and Ron Gray volunteered - Ron will confact Mark Arbagast.

Crossing of Coldand Run - bridge needed.

Conient Section

Move trail oil River Fig between Pegyine Island and PA Fish Commission boot launch.

 North of Muddy Creek - could avoid Wylis property by continuing up hill on Coging Station Rd then him off through Sunday property down to the creek. Another possibility is a toolbridge across Muddy Creek.

Relocation of the trail off Lay Rd into the woods near Peach Bottom plant, Needs to be accurated.

 Peach Boltom to Broad Creato Try for approval to cross Wineself property. Scrift of Michaels Run - relocate near the river, pass M-D marker #26, continue around point to Broad Creat. Do we want to lose section through Broad Creat Scool Carro? Ted Brower and Dave Limitions will book into this and courses a reste.

· North of Glan Cover would like to refrects thereon bettern I nim Christian Service Course

Hopidn's Cove to Concetago - still resiling for word from PECO re developer's plans.

• Lapidum to Havre de Grace - the prupased relocation would crose a 60 tool tital stream (bridge needed), pass through state park land to the 195 bridge, then bypase the Arundei Quarry somethow to join up with the present trail by the river north of Havre de Grace. From Gray has drown plans for a bridge and says there is breated lumber available from Three Mite Island. A "Sunquationna Oreenway Graup", with representatives from PECO, Susquetranna State Park, Havre de Grace and other interested organizations, has been formed to promate a greenway on both sides of the Susquetranna between Conowingo and Havre de Grace. M-DTS should get involved with this group - the greenway would provide a route for our first but may be some time down the road.

Continue Sections

 Relocate trail along Christina Creak between B&O trades and Barksdate Ref. Needs clearing - will amonge a work party to do this in conjunction with the next M-DTS meeting.

 Sob Bennell, Rick Moericer, Vivion & Worren Davies, Turner Darden and Yvonne Blades will plan a route that will loop through the Fairhilf Natural Resources Area and pass by the tri-state and are corner stone markets.

Reportion in comerce Lake development - Lether Dorden will contact Arry & Bride Hinde about this.

 Rick Marker and Ken Power have exouted the possibility of a route along a pipeline right of way to make the troit off Fairville Rd.

Other Business:

Jim Hooper suggested that we set up a budget for M-DTS. There was general agreement with this
suggestion and Rick Mosterr asted Jim to draw up a proposed budget.

The M-DT is shown on the iglast Harland County, MD Street Alice published by ADC Map Co. Dave.
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Next meeting: 10 am Saturday Nov. 14 of Dorsey Park. (end of Lay Rd)- Iroll work and short meeting.

1992 M-DTS DIRECTORY - CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

The 1992 M-DTS Directory is included with this newsletter. Please make the following changes:

Jean Funk: address correction - 1

James Hooper: work phone change -Richard Weimann: in memorium

York Hiking Club: address change - c/o

Robert Yost: home phone

New member: Raymond Layton

M-DTS TRAIL MAINTAINERS - 1992

WESTERN SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Whiskey Springs to Pinchot Park

Pinchot Park

Pinchot Park to Codorus Furnace

Codorus Furnace to Route 30

Route 30 to Green Branch

Green Branch to Cuffs Run

Cuffs Run to Apollo Park

Through Apollo Park to Boyds Run

Boyds Run to 425

425 to 425 at top of hill

425 at top of hill to Otter Ck campground

Otter Creek campground to Posey Rd

Posey Rd to McCalls Ferry

McCalls Ferry to Mill Creek

Mill Creek to Norman Wood bridge

CENTRAL SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Norman Wood Bridge to Muddy Creek bridge

Muddy Creek bridge to Cold Cabin Rd

Cold Cabin Rd to Dorsey Park (Lay Rd)

Dorsey Park to Atom Rd

Atom Rd to North side of Broad Creek Boy

Scout Reservation at 623

N side of Scout Reservation to Conowingo

Conowingo to Havre de Grace (Rt 40)

EASTERN SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Susquehanna River to Rt 272

Rt 272 to road to Cecil Co. landfill

Road to Cecil Co. landfill to east gate of

Elk Neck St. Forest

East gate Elk Neck St. Forest to top of

Iron Hill

Top of Iron Hill to Hopkins Rd

Hopkins Rd to London Tract Rd

London Tract Rd to junction of Fairville &

Cossart Rds

Cossart Rd to eastern terminus

Ron Gray

Louise & Richard Sis

Jim Trautman

Fred Fox

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Jim Hooper

Explorer Post, Shenks Mare

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Richard Winemiller Mary Lou Stein

Charles Albin

Jack, John & Marion Schultz

Diane & Mark Anderson

Kay Way

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Wilmington Trail Club (Yvonne Blades)

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Bob Bennett

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