



**Northcentral PA ATV
Initiative Update
December 14, 2018**

**Making Sustainable Connections
and
Supporting Local Economies
— Started June 2014 —**

Beginning

- ❖ **Objective:** Connect communities and four DCNR ATV Trail Systems in Northcentral PA to boost the economy through increased tourism.
- ❖ June 2014 1st meeting (tourism, commissioners, ATV organizations...)
- ❖ 800 mile trail system was roughed out
- ❖ Committee formed to develop the system



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Guiding Points

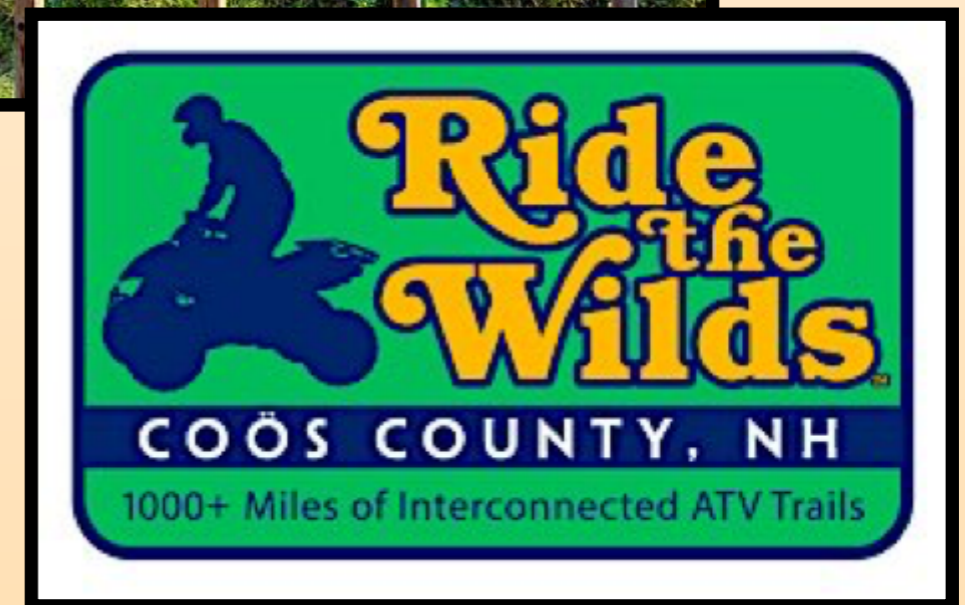
Identify a system that enhances support for tourism and local businesses that competes with the multi-billion dollar ATV business in neighboring states.

Use as many township, private and existing ATV trails as possible.

Build partnerships / connections : municipalities, private, township, state, utility companies...

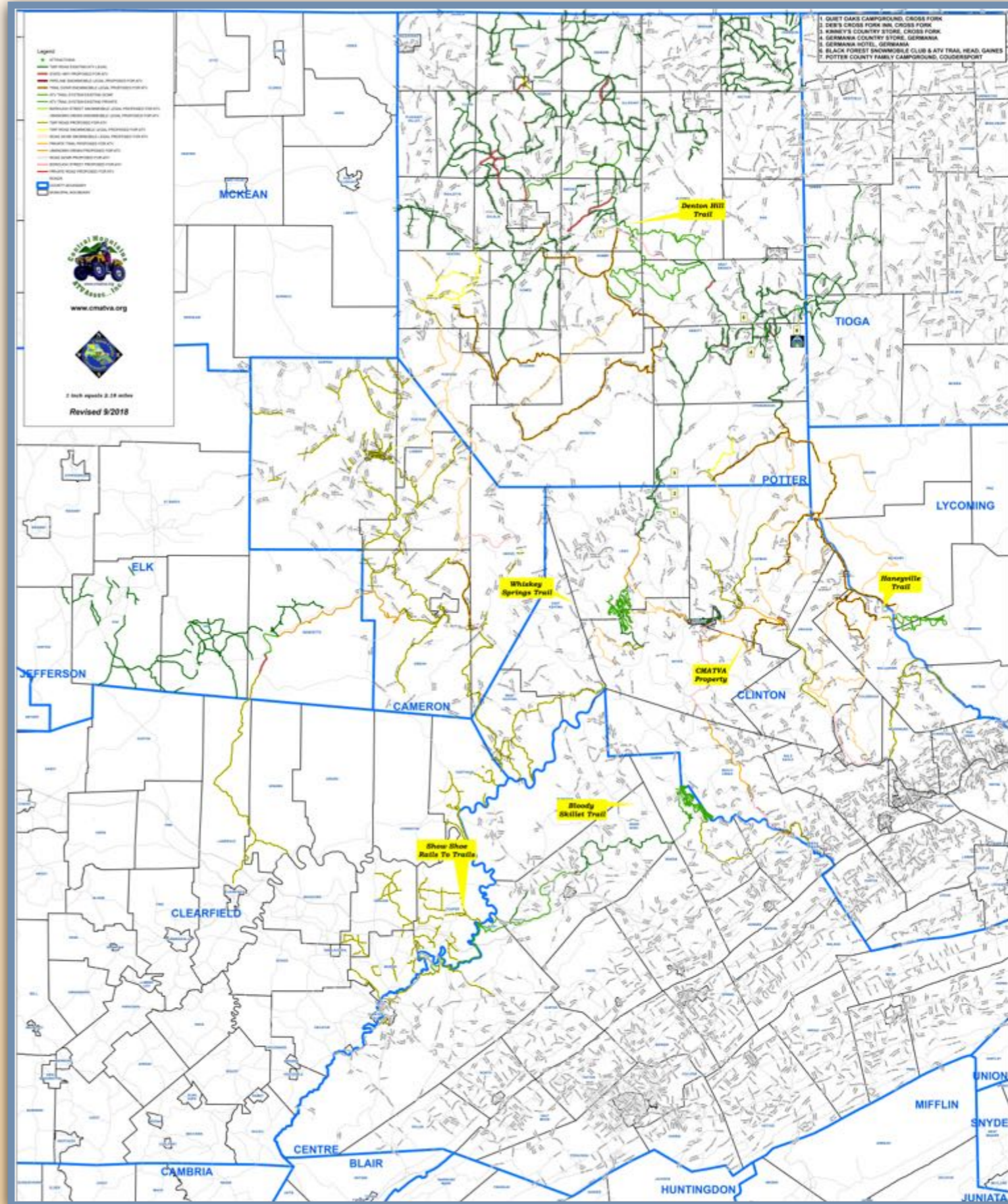
Acknowledge current realities:

- DCNR as an entire department does not usually allow ATV's on the same roadways as other motorized vehicles for safety reasons.
(Exceptions: Sanctioned events approved by DCNR)
- Getting PENNDOT and Railroad right of ways could be very difficult.



Northcentral PA ATV Initiative Map

- 1,408 Miles Year to Date
- 688 Total Legal Mileage
- 46.86 % Legal Riding



TYPE	LENGTH (MILES)	% of Goals
ATV TRAIL SYSTEM, EXISTING DCNR	134.52	9.55%
ATV TRAIL SYSTEM, EXISTING PRIVATE	39.58	2.81%
TWP ROAD EXISTING ATV LEGAL	511.55	36.33%
BOROUGH STREET ATV LEGAL	2.4	0.17%
BOROUGH STREET PROPOSED FOR ATV	0.33	0.02%
PRIVATE TRAIL PROPOSED FOR ATV	14.1	1.00%
ROAD, DCNR PROPOSED FOR ATV	31.2	2.22%
ROAD, DCNR SNOWMOBILE LEGAL PROPOSED FOR ATV	152.2	10.81%
STATE HWY PROPOSED FOR ATV	23.13	1.64%
TRAIL DCNR SNOWMOBILE LEGAL PROPOSED FOR ATV	113.9	8.09%
TWP ROAD PROPOSED FOR ATV	333.98	23.72%
TWP ROAD SNOWMOBILE LEGAL PROPOSED FOR ATV	24.1	1.71%
UNKNOWN ORIGIN PROPOSED FOR ATV	27.2	1.93%
UNKNOWN ORIGIN SNOWMOBILE LEGAL PROPOSED FOR	0	0.00%
TOTAL	1408.19	
Total Legal Riding:	688.05	48.86%
Total Proposed Riding:	720.14	51.14%

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Next Steps (Last Meeting)

- ❖ PENNDOT Meeting for Connector Roads
- ❖ DCNR Meetings (3 connectors)
- ❖ Pilot Project Meeting (politicians)
- ❖ Signage Issues
- ❖ Municipality Meetings
- ❖ HB544
- ❖ Focus Meeting Tourism (county / PA Wilds/ neighbors)



PENNDOT Meeting for Connector Roads

From HB 1929, Fiscal Code:

Section 17. Sections 1720-E, 1725-E, 1727-E and 1730-E of the Act are amended to read:

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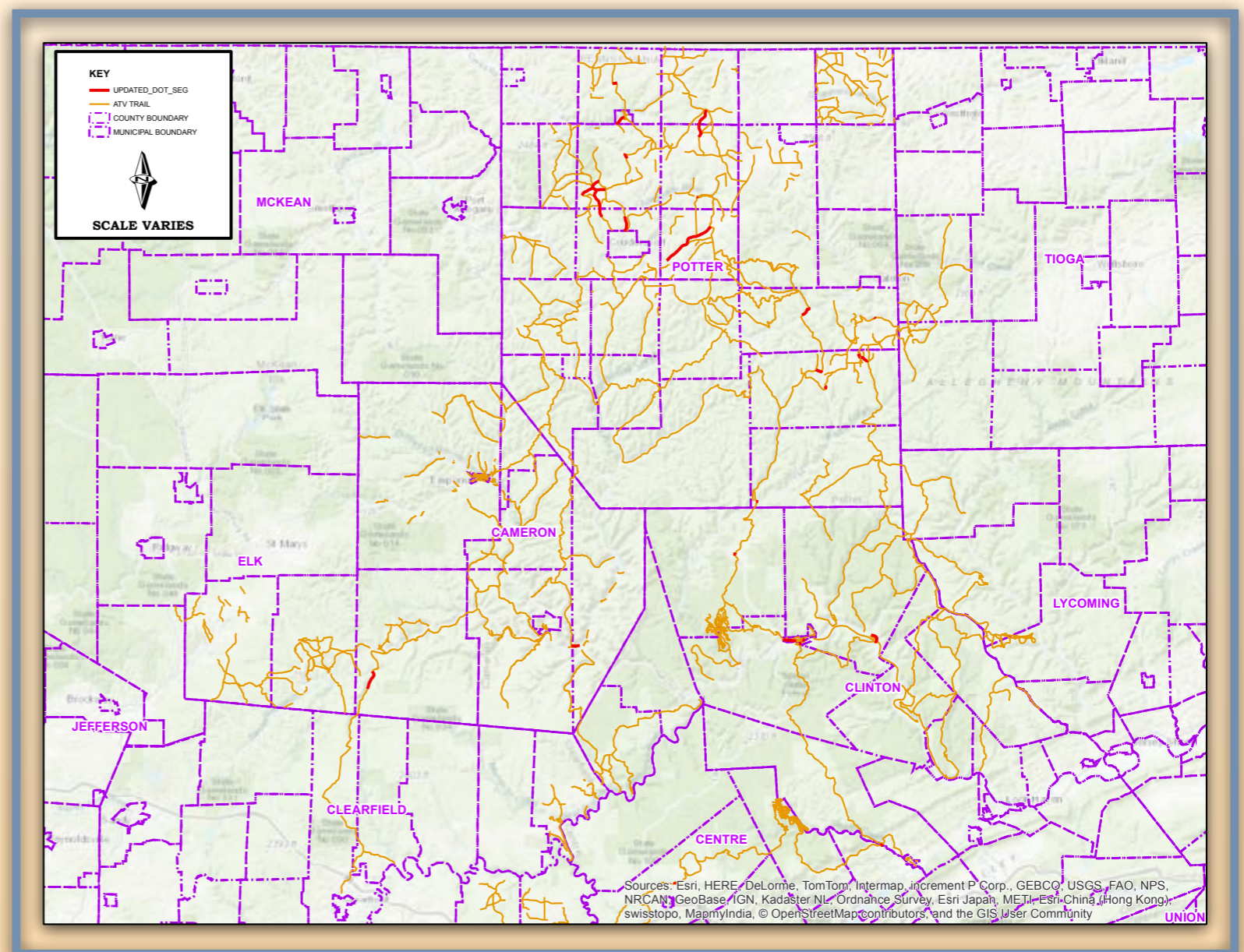
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources [(Reserved)].

The following shall apply to appropriations for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:

(2) In consultation with The Department of Transportation, implement the full Northcentral Pennsylvania ATV Initiative and create a network of ATV trails connecting Clinton County to the New York State border by utilizing existing state roads and state forest roads by April 1, 2024.

Several local PennDOT meetings have happened in preparation for a larger meeting.

We have identified 27 connecting segments that are necessary to complete the highway portion of the trail.

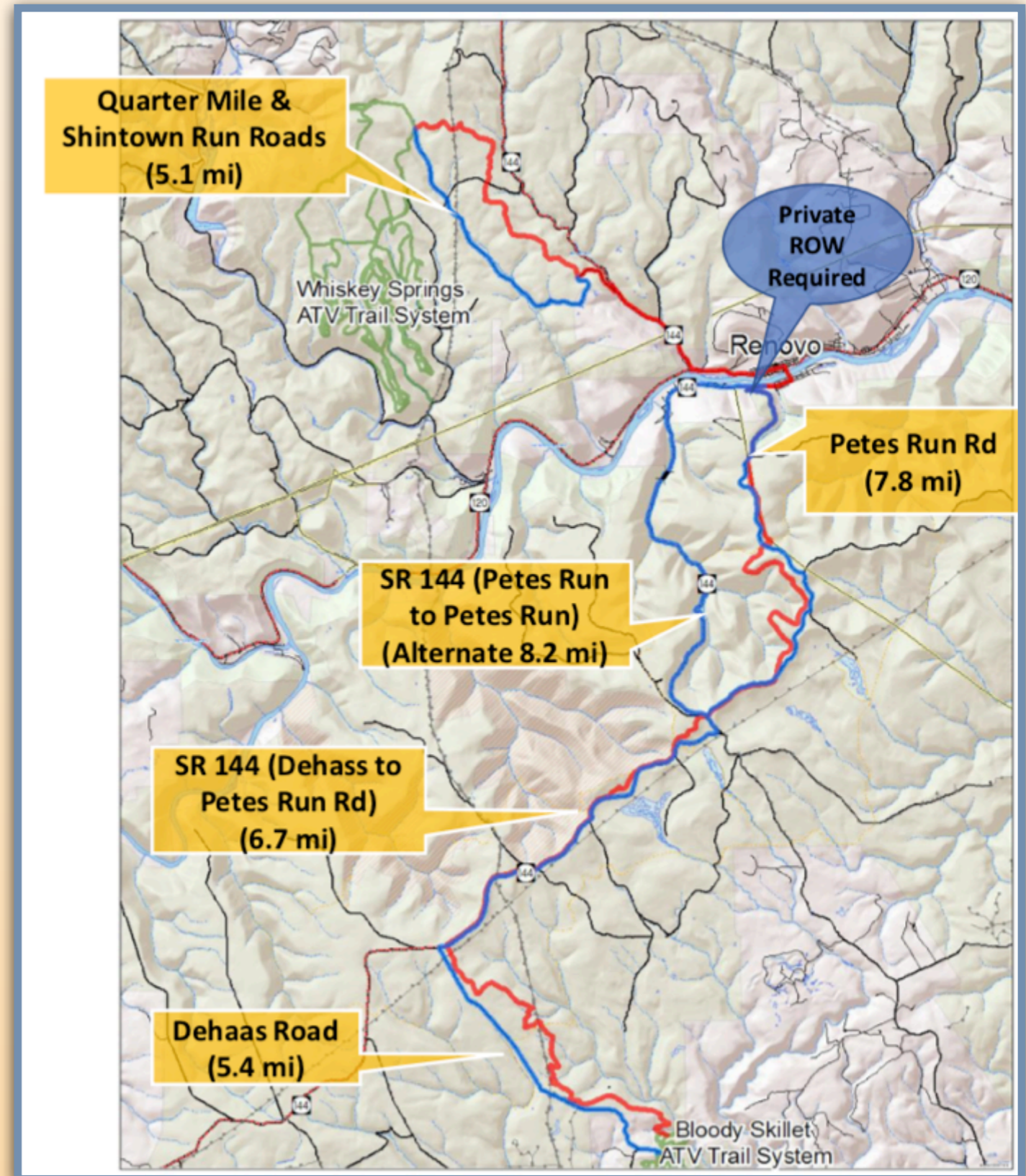


DCNR Connector Trails

BLOODY SKILLET TO WHISKEY SPRINGS

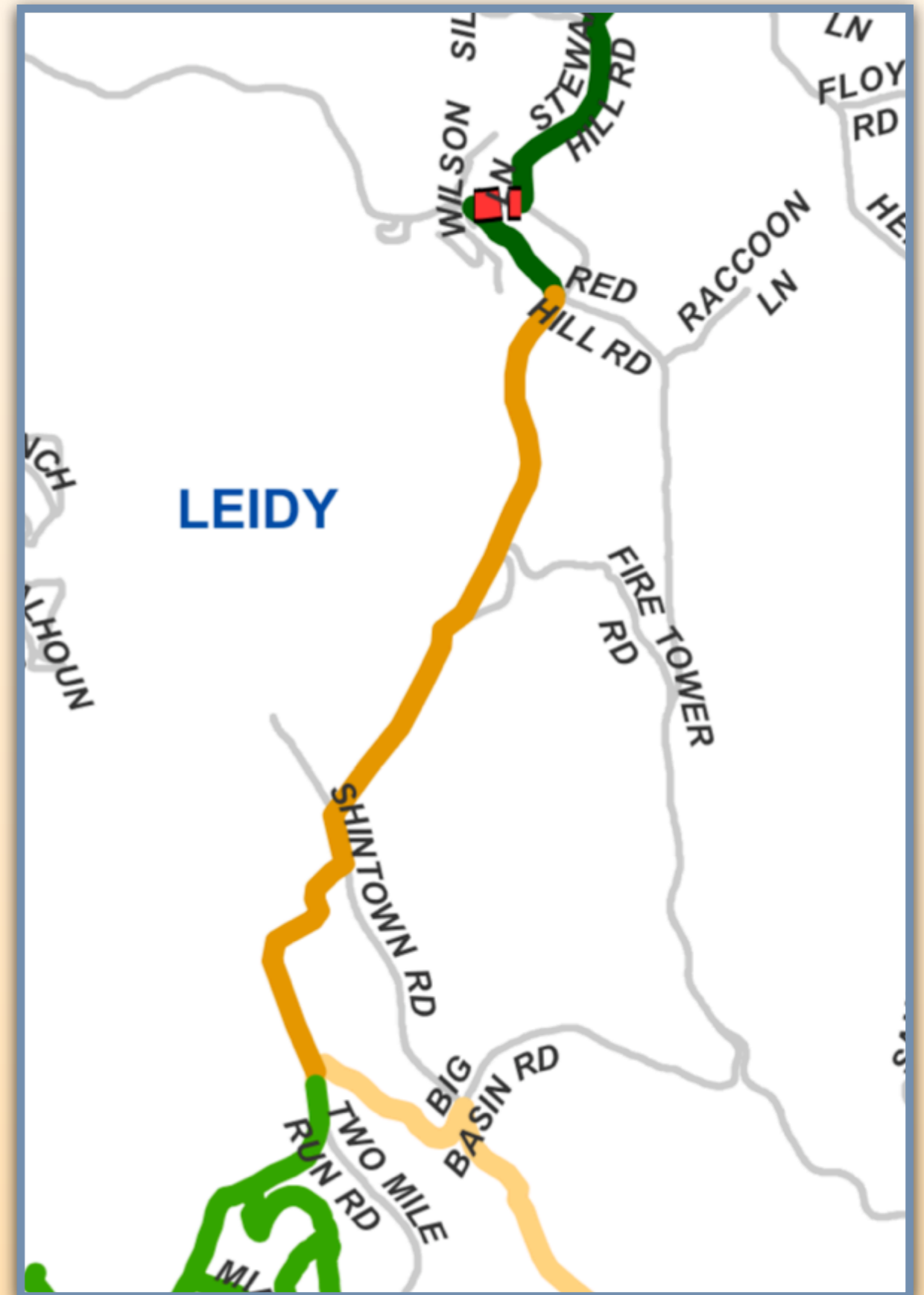
From HB 1929

(1) In consultation with the Department of Transportation, develop, open, and maintain an ATV trail connecting the Whiskey Springs ATV Trail to the Bloody Skillet ATV Trail by utilizing existing state roads and state forest roads by April 1, 2020.



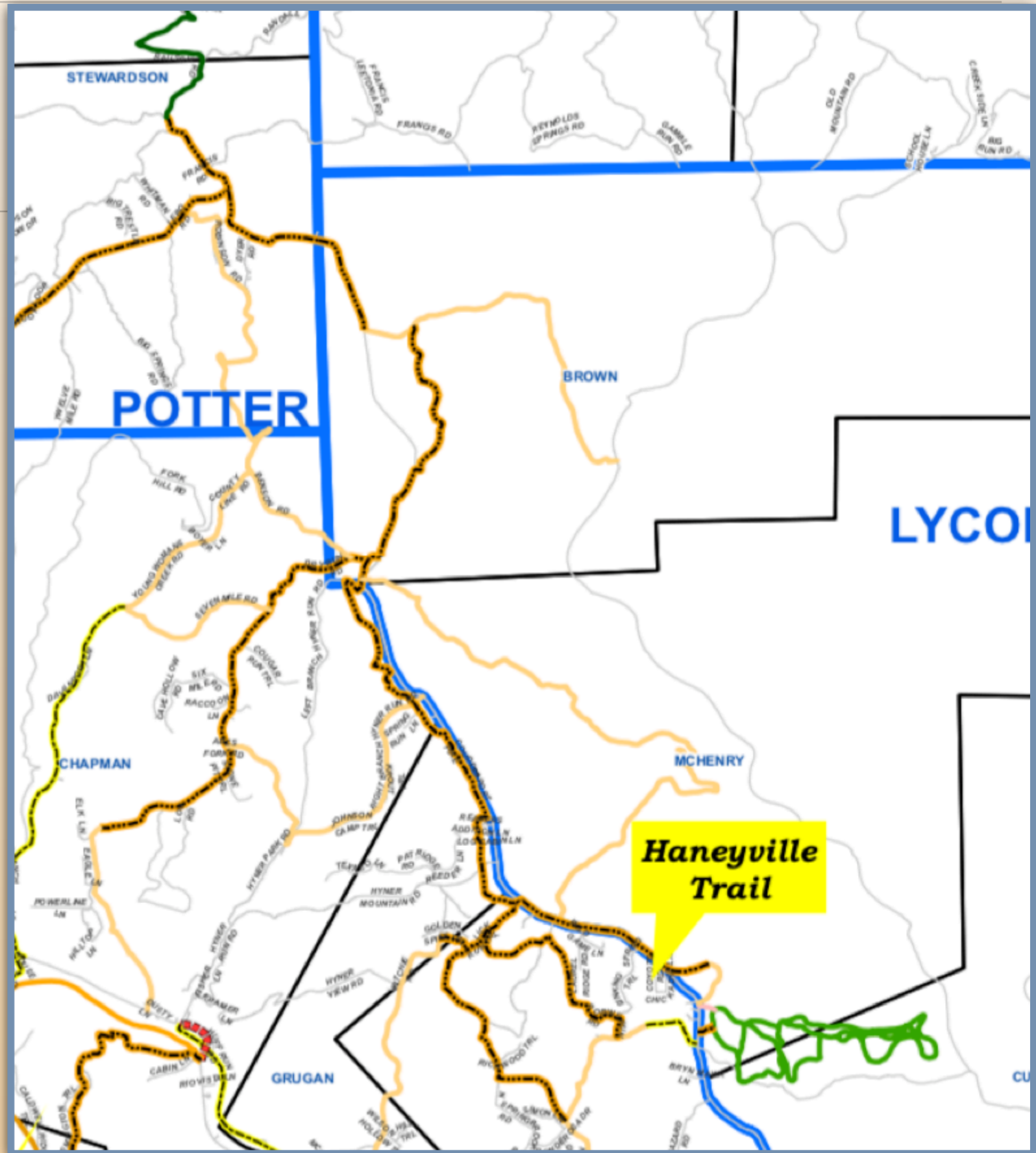
DCNR Connector #2

- Whiskey Springs ATV Trail System to Cross Fork Connector (Approximately 5 miles)
- Connects 3 of the 4 DCNR ATV Trail Systems



Coudersport Pike Connector

- ❖ Businesses (Letters of Support)
- ❖ Meeting with related commissioners, state legislators
- ❖ Fulfills connection to all four DCNR ATV Trail Systems
- ❖ Pilot project: Denied at the time a year ago. (Deemed not feasible due to existing policy.)
- ❖ HB 1929 improves chances for making this project a reality.



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DCNR Signage

- ❖ 2018 CMATVA & SSRTA have invested over \$7,000 in additional signage for municipalities
- ❖ DCNR supplies all ATV “Allowed & End” signs at no charge to any municipality that passes an ordinance



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Municipality Update

- ❖ 2018 CMATVA met with representatives of Tioga County townships to explain the process. Result: 2 ordinances passed / 2 pending ordinances
- ❖ 2018 Representatives from the Northcentral PA ATV Initiative committee attended the Northcentral PA Initiative in Potter County meeting.
 - ❖ Meeting was hosted by Will Hunt, GIS / Planning Director for Potter County.
 - ❖ CMATVA is contacting the individual municipalities to get copies of ordinances and update signage within the townships.
- ❖ SSRTA continues to work with municipalities in Centre and Clearfield Counties.



Increased Tourism Business: Early Results

- Businesses (Kinney's, Deb's, Germania Hotel, Waldorf Bar, Germania Store)
- Quiet Oaks Campground
- Renovo
- Inquiries (cabins, maps, ...)



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Legislative Update

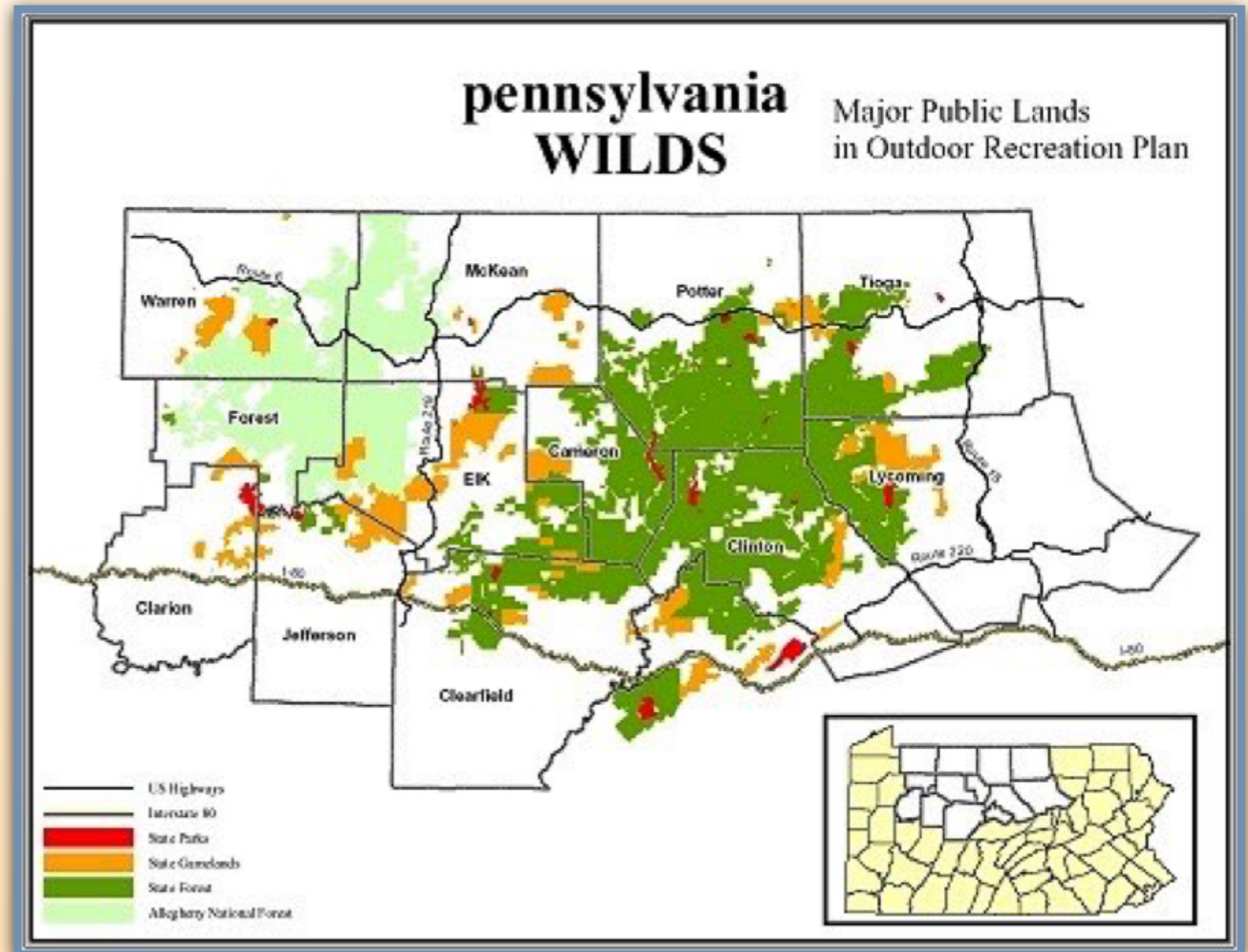
- ❖ HB544 Updated and Passed (not as we hoped)
 - ❖ ...language that stated if the person lost the liability case, they would pay the property owner's legal fees sustained in their defense. The bill, as amended, passed unanimously.
- ❖ Working with PAOHV on a change to the wording. Add: "Landowners can not be sued."



Increased Tourism Business Opportunities

Possibilities

- ATV Shop - Renovo
- Grand Canyon
- Deer Pens
- PA Lumber Museum
- Denton Hill
- Lyman Run State Park
(2 Season Trial Project)



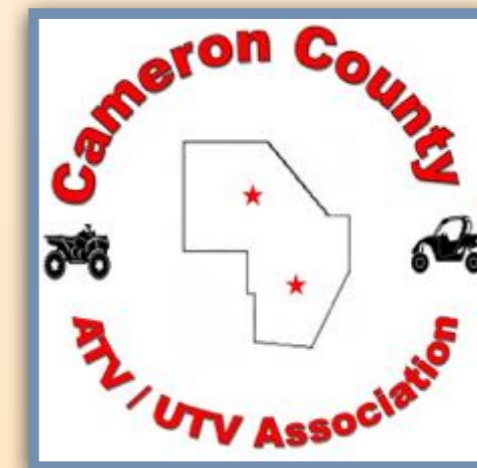
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ATV Association Updates

Larry and Trilby Mayes,
Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Association



Jeff Snell, President
Cameron County ATV / UTV Association

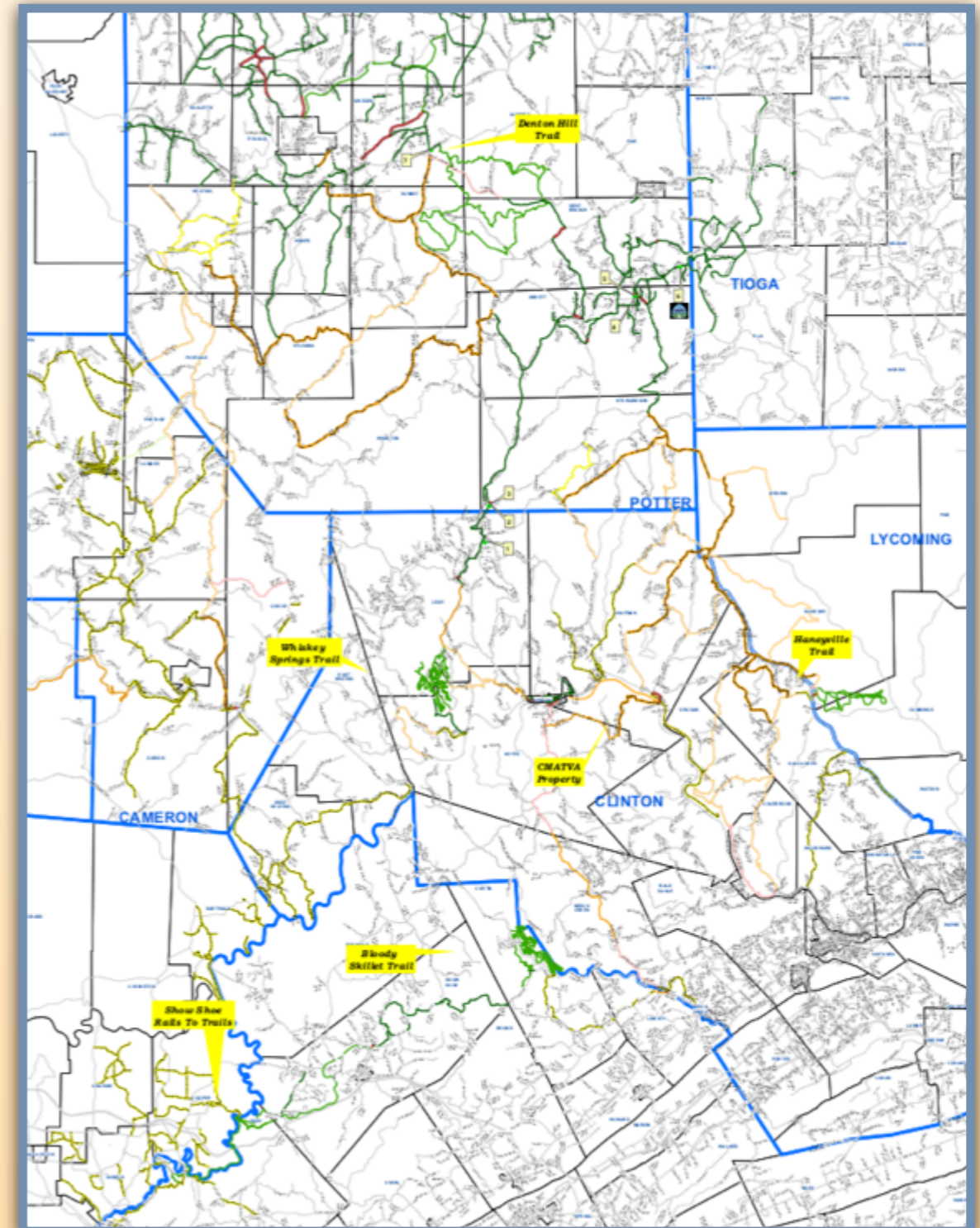


Henry Sorgen, President CMATVA



Growing the Trail

- ❖ Forum on ATV Related Economy
- ❖ Noyes Township road to Middle Branch parking lot at Whiskey Springs ATV Trail System (approx. 300 yards)
- ❖ Beech Creek to Bloody Skillet
- ❖ SSRT to Clearfield, Elk, & Cameron County
- ❖ Waterville / Pine Creek Valley to Coudersport Pike
- ❖ Tioga County Municipalities
- ❖ Hyner to Renovo, Coudersport Pike, and Farrandsville



Questions ?



New Hampshire 2016