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PATH maintenance project completed with ARPA funding

HUNTINGTON – A maintenance project to improve sections of the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health (PATH) has been completed and paid for using a portion of the City of Huntington’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

The project, which began last winter and was completed in August, involved weed removal, trail width restoration, railing repair and bollard installation/replacement on the Guyandotte, Harveytown and Levee (Westmoreland) sections of PATH. Benchmark Construction Co. of Hurricane was awarded the contract through a competitive bidding process and completed the work.

Mayor Steve Williams proposed and Huntington City Council approved the appropriation of \$700,000 in ARPA funds for the maintenance work.

The completion of the project comes on the heels of Fit Fest this Saturday, Sept. 10, at Ritter Park. The rain-or-shine event, which is a fundraiser for the ongoing maintenance and future expansion of PATH, will include a 5K run/walk, a 10-mile bike ride on the restored sections of PATH, a bike rodeo for children that will teach bike skills and safety through a fun obstacle course and kids’ activities through the Huntington YMCA.

All kids’ activities, the bike ride and bike rodeo are free. Registration for the 5K run/walk is \$25 before Sept. 9 and \$30 on the morning of the event. Registration for the 5K run/walk is available at <https://tristateracer.com/FitFest5K>. Registration for a virtual 5K run/walk component is available at <https://tristateracer.com/VirtualFitFest5K>.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 8 a.m.: day-of registration for the 5K begins
- 9 a.m.: 5K begins
- 10 a.m.: 5K awards ceremony and moment of remembrance
- 10:05 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: kids’ activities (bike rodeo and YMCA activities)

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- 10:30 a.m.: 10-mile bike ride on the PATH

Updates about the event also are available at www.cityofhuntington.com/residents/paul-ambrose-trail-for-health/fit-fest or www.facebook.com/paulambrosetrail.

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