



Center Adrienne Fors (WM) along side PennDOT and DCNR employees working together on 9/11 trail signage thru Pa.



Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners formally recognized the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance and reaffirmed the County's commitment to advancing the 9/11 National Memorial Trail and the future Anthracite Connector Trail. Center - Alliance Board of Directors member Adrienne Fors (WM) center in photo was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the organization.

9/11 National Memorial Trail GCS Bike Event

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The first wayfinding signs installed under Governor Josh Shapiro's statewide initiative for the September 11th National Memorial Trail were installed in Allentown, marking the beginning of a statewide effort to establish a clearly signed memorial route across the Commonwealth ahead of the 25th anniversary of September 11.

The installation represents the first visible milestone of Governor Josh Shapiro's initiative directing the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to work alongside local governments and the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance to complete Pennsylvania's portion of the nationally significant Trail.

When complete, the project will include nearly 1,000 signs along state roadways and 1,290 along local roads, creating approximately 900 miles of signed 9/11 National Memorial Trail through 23 counties. Together, the wayfinding system will help cyclists, walkers, runners, and visitors navigate Pennsylvania's portion of the more than 1,500+ mile September 11th National Memorial Trail connecting the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Alliance Board of Directors member Adrienne Fors (Community & Municipal Relations Manager Grand Central Sanitation) joined representatives from PennDOT and the installation team in Allentown as the first signs were placed, celebrati

Announced by Governor Josh Shapiro in September 2025, the initiative reflects Pennsylvania's commitment to preserving the memory of those lost on September 11, 2001, while strengthening recreation, tourism, and community connectivity throughout the Commonwealth. As Governor Shapiro noted when announcing the project, the Trail provides "a meaningful way for communities across our Commonwealth to connect, reflect, and pay tribute," ensuring residents and visitors alike can experience places of remembrance while exploring Pennsylvania's landscapes.

The September 11th National Memorial Trail serves as both a transportation and recreation corridor and a living memorial, connecting communities through remembrance, education, and resilience. Pennsylvania occupies a unique place along the route, linking the Flight 93 National Memorial with communities stretching east toward New Jersey and New York while incorporating many of the Commonwealth's existing trails and heritage destinations.

The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance extends its sincere appreciation to Governor Josh Shapiro, PennDOT, DCNR, Pennsylvania's counties and municipalities, and the many partners whose continued collaboration is making this ambitious statewide initiative a reality.