

Corps Policy

- PL 89-72 – The Corps can no longer develop recreation areas without a cost share partner.
 - ▶ By law, the cost share must be at least 50% – 50%, however from a pragmatic perspective, the Corps generally does not have funds appropriated for development match.



Development and Operational Partners

■ Developmental

- ▶ Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Corporation
- ▶ Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau
- ▶ Juniata College Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership
- ▶ Huntingdon County Business & Industry
- ▶ IMBA
- ▶ Friends of Raystown Lake

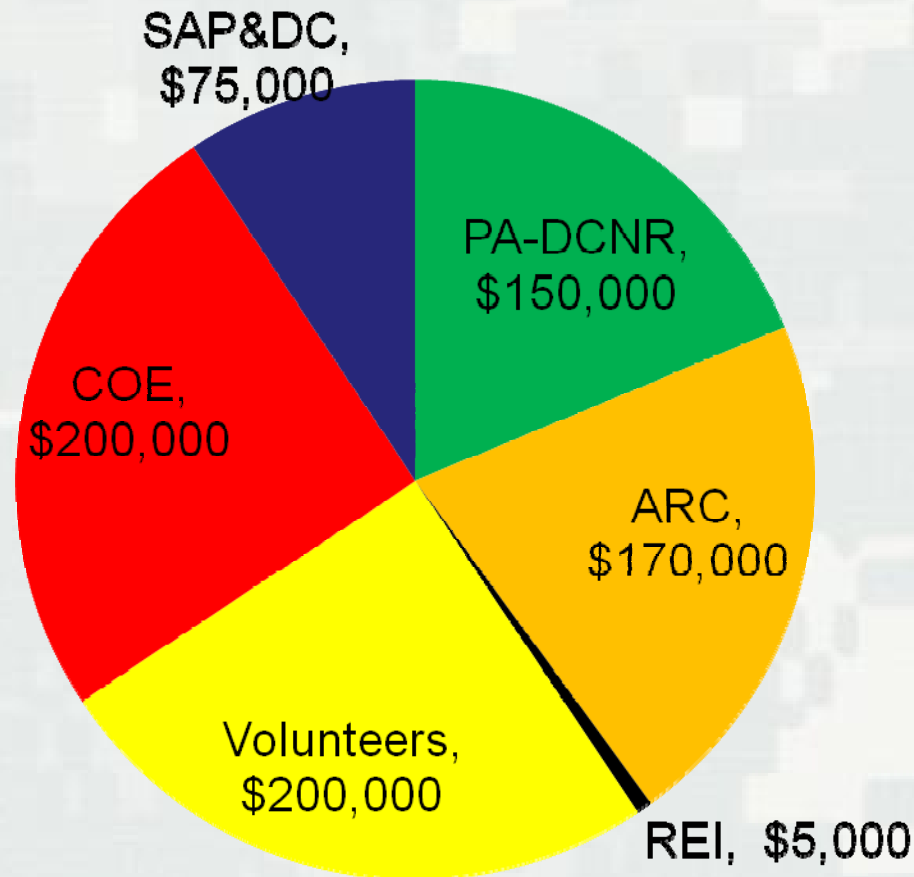
■ Operational

- ▶ Friends of Raystown Lake
- ▶ Raystown Mountain Biking Association
- ▶ IMBA



Allegrippis Trails Funding

Friends of Raystown Lake managed contributions



Allegrippis Timeline

- September, 2002 - Corps of Engineers / IMBA National MOU
- October, 2003 - Raystown Lake selected as one of 12 national demonstration sites
- 2004 the SAP&DC received \$70,000 ARC grant to foster businesses
- August, 2006 EA and FONSI was signed
- October, 2006 begin construction of 30 mile Raystown Mountain Biking Trail encompassing 2,500 acres.
- May 9, 2007 - the Friends of Raystown Lake received PA-DCNR \$150,000 Growing Greener funds
- July 31, 2007 the Friends of Raystown signed lease agreement
- August, 2007 the Friends of Raystown received \$5,000 from REI
- September 27, 2007 - the Friends of Raystown Lake received ARC \$170,000
- October, 2007 - Construction activities begin by IMBA Trail Solutions
- December 4, 2007 the Friends of Raystown signed a Challenge Partnership Agreement
- September, 2008 - Mechanized construction activities were completed
- May, 2009 – Completion of sign installation and volunteer activities
- May 9, 2009 - Allegrippis Trails ribbon cutting ceremony
- Since opening the trail system has served in nearly 25,000 visitors



Allegrippis Trails Developmental Challenges

- EA Coordination
 - Costs
 - Who is the proponent.
- Funding Oversight – ARC
- Easement preparation
- Partnering agreements
 - Development
 - Funding
 - Operations
 - Maintenance



Allegrippis Trails Developmental Challenges

- Contract Management
- Funds Oversight & Control
 - DCNR
 - REI
 - Volunteers
- Grant Coordination



Allegrippis Trails Operational Challenges

- User Conflicts
 - Hunting vs. Biking
- Management Challenges
 - Timbering closures
 - Leased area
 - Parking
- Special Events (2 tiered)
- Emergency response.
 - VFC

