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Bikeway initiative gains new momentum every day with plans

One of the understated jewels of the region's rich outdoors portfolio is the bicycling paths and trails, with more to come.

The Susquehanna Rail-Trail, with its first section opening in 1996, has transformed the former Pine Creek Railway, a railroad stretching from Jersey Shore to Ansonia in Tioga County.

Other sections of the rail-trail have been cleared since the 1996 opening.

The Susquehanna River Walk that rims the Susquehanna River connecting Williamsport and South Williamsport has given the biking canvas a fresh destination in recent years.

It is a neighbor to an extensive trail along Loyalsock and Montoursville.

And now there is a study underway to explore the idea of extending the trail from Montoursville to Muncy.

A separate study examining an extension of the River Walk into Jersey Shore has been completed.

The most lofty goal in the far-off future is a biking trail from Lake Ontario where the Genessee Lake originates to Washington, D.C.

As always, funding may be the key to getting these exciting expansions of the biking network done.

In an age of flying and developing high-speed rail, biking remains the unique and arguably best way to see the country.

The tradition is not only continuing, but gaining new momentum every day.