

MILES AND A MISSION

A guy on a bike and his faithful dog hit the trails to make a point.

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Dan McCreedy said he doesn't consider himself a biker. So what's he doing pedaling his way from Baltimore to Portland, Maine, on a recumbent bicycle, hauling Sadie, his yellow Labrador retriever behind in a cushy dog trailer?

He said he's demonstrating that the East Coast Greenway — a walking, biking, rollerblading, people- and dog-friendly trail that will eventually stretch from Maine to Key West, Fla. — is a wonderful way to see the country.

The travelers were greeted by borough, county and state officials during a brief stopover Wednesday in Bristol.

McCreedy — remember, he said he's not a biker — takes an annual two-day bike ride about this time of year. This time, he added miles and a mission, he said.

McCreedy started his journey May 23. He pedals, Sadie mostly rides, but she does trot along for about 10 miles each day. When McCreedy runs out of trails, he opts for roadways with the least amount of traffic or with wide shoulders for him to travel on, he said.

"I like to challenge myself and I like to learn new things. I'll travel a total of 850 miles this year" to highlight the benefits of the Greenway, he said.

The East Coast Greenway will eventually be a 2,600-mile, traffic-free path linking towns down the north-south coastline. In Bucks County, the path will link Bristol, Morrisville and Bensalem, said Andrew Hamilton, a landscape architect with CVDA Landscape Architect Planners in Doylestown.

The Delaware River, which borders all three communities, plus the Delaware Canal,



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Dan McCreedy and his dog Sadie arrive at the Bristol Wharf for a press conference about a three-week, 850-mile journey on bicycle from Baltimore to Portland, Maine, to raise money and awareness for the East Coast Greenway Alliance, which aims to create a system of trail paths connecting cities along the East Coast. Sadie runs alongside Dan for up to 10 miles a day.

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from the borough for the Greenway project.

"We really use our Spur Line," Trunell said. "You see kids walking to school and older people walking to the store. This is a great project and a great chance for us to pull this all together."

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which snakes through Bristol and Morrisville, make a perfect "natural Main Street," Hamilton said.

About 600 miles of the Greenway are already in use and construction on another 600 miles is under way. When finished, the project is expected to cost about \$10 billion, with funding coming from local, state and federal government, and private grants and donations, Hamilton said.

Bristol Councilwoman Robyn Trunell was at the wharf to greet McCreedy, as was Bucks County Commissioner Diane Marseglia, who rode in with

McCreedy on her bicycle. Trunell pledged support



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