



*In Memory and Honor of Donny Teague
In Support of the Outdoor Towns Initiative
Organized by the Greater Forest City Business Alliance*

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance is excited to announce the First Annual “Forest City Trail Trot 5K and Community Walk” to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, on the D & H Trail! The 5K race start is scheduled for 10 am with a 1 mile “Community Fun Walk” to follow immediately thereafter.

In January, 2022, Forest City lost a longtime resident and “running icon”, Donny Teague at the age of 91. For all who knew Don, he was “always running”. He was known and will be remembered for his true love of the sport, boundless energy and his colorful and attention-grabbing outfits when hitting the pavement. He was also a faithful supporter, advocate and statistician for the Forest City Regional Cross-Country Team, for more than 20 years. He was committed to the success of those student athletes and made sure each team member had the support they needed to cross the finish line. He was out on the course until they were in. We are honored to name this race in his memory.

In line with Donny’s joy of running in, around and through Forest City and beyond, funds raised from this race will be earmarked to support projects connecting local commerce to our region’s outdoor experience. Forest City received a grant in 2021, through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and matched by the Forest City Borough and Rail Trail Council of NEPA. This grant allowed Forest City to create an Action Team – made up of many members across several organizations - to participate in a program called “Outdoor Towns”. The purpose of this initiative was to take a close look at the natural resources and assets we are surrounded by and identify any barriers to marketing and connecting Forest City to them! The voice of our community was heard... and visions and projects that can help to support Forest City as a wonderful place to live, work and play have been identified. We have an amazing “Big Backyard” – it was “Don’s Big Backyard”...and we need to support it! So, funds from this race are earmarked to support this initiative!

Attached please find a sponsorship form and the marketing benefits that come with each level. There are a variety of ways to support the event, beyond monetary donations. We hope that you will consider supporting this race!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Atcavage
GFCBA President