



RECREATION

www.oilregion.org www.grabtrails.com

Travel over 65 miles of paved bike trails which wind throughout the area. The region is also the hub of the developing Erie to Pittsburgh Trail which will connect the Bayfront of Erie with the "Point" in Pittsburgh. When complete, the trails will run through two states and seven counties and will be approximately 270 miles long.

The Allegheny River and its tributaries offer canoeing, kayaking, jet boating, and fishing opportunities for most of the area's four seasons.

Oil City has a rich heritage based upon the beginnings and growth of the oil industry. It served as the shipping point for the world's oil after "Colonel" Edwin Drake's first commercially drilled oil well was successful in 1859. In 1791, the Pennsylvania Legislature gave Chief Complanter (Seneca Nation) three land grants, including what is now Oil City's Northside, in appreciation for assistance during the Revolutionary War.

CONCERTS

www.oilcityartsouncil.com

Arts in the Transit Series
Arts in the Park
Pipeline Alley Lunchtime Music

ARCHITECTURE

Artists coming into the area will find a wealth of housing from which to choose. Affordable Victorian mansions built during the oil boom, modest factory worker housing, modern ranches, and many other styles can be found in Oil City.

FESTIVALS

First Night@ Oil City
Oil Country Bluegrass Festival
Oil Region Indie Music Fest
Jolly July 3rd
Oil Heritage Festival
Christmas Past

*Participate,
volunteer or just
enjoy the energy!*

FOUR SEASONS

Oil City enjoys all four seasons. Temperatures range from the 20s to the 80s.

AMENITIES

Venango College of Clarion University
Oil City (Carnegie) Library
UPMC Northwest Hospital
Venango Regional Airport
Hasson Park
Rhododendron Arboretum, ballfields, deck hockey, skateboard park,
public swimming pool, disc golf course
Graffiti Gallery
National Transit Artist Studios
Studio Tours
Transit Fine Arts Gallery

*Appreciate a life of
porch swings, strolls through downtown areas,
local cuisine and friendly neighbors.*

I CHOSE OIL CITY

“ The attraction to me was low-cost living in this area, affordable housing, and the beauty of the place. It reminds me of any European village.”

Mary Morgan, owner
Art on Elm and the
Mosaic Cafe



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My wife, Lisa and I moved here from Pittsburgh. We find Oil City to be easier, less expensive—and very supportive of their artists! I have a studio in the National Transit Building where I found some great new friends and colleagues.

This is an ideal base of operations for my business, which is picture book illustration and speaking engagements.”

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ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES



IN OIL CITY PENNSYLVANIA

- Affordable Housing
- Low Cost of Living
- Outdoor Recreation
- Proximity to Major Art Markets

WWW.ARTSOILCITY.COM



THE ARTS EFFORT

Oil City has invested between \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year (about \$175,000) in the arts revitalization project since 2006.

Champion of the program, Joann Wheeler, a mixed-media artist, heads the initiative. She relocated to Oil City from Boston. Joann's job is to recruit artists to the area and to introduce to the world the opportunities that await in Oil City.



BENEFITS TO YOU

- **A potential of 100% financing on a home purchase for working artists who relocate to Oil City. First National Bank offers up to \$150,000 subject to their approval.**
- **Safe, low crime community.**
- **Potential Studio space in the historic National Transit Building.**
- **Display and sale space in the Transit Fine Arts Gallery and the Graffiti Gallery.**
- **Display and sales at numerous arts and crafts events and in local businesses.**
- **Close proximity to half the population of the United States and major art markets.**
- **Possibility to work, display, and sell within your own home.**

