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Saw this book, published by West Virginia University in 2001, at a recent stay at a B&B in WV. It's an excellent history of the development of this rail-trail, after abandonment of the segment between Clarksburg and Parkersburg, WV, by CSX Railroad and its predecessor, the B&O. The trail is roughly 72 miles long, paved mostly with crushed bluestone over the old rail roadbed. There are multiple tunnels and bridges, and it traverses the western part of the state from east-to-west, running through the North Bend State Park as well. An excellent recreational resource, similar to the Greenbrier River Rail-Trail to the south -- also a state-owned park resource. The book is full of excellent photos and a descriptive history of each town along the rail line and the history associated with industry development (i.e. glass, marbles, oil, gas, timber, etc.) in the region. Look for it in libraries, perhaps.

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