



STATE TRAILS OFFICE UPDATES

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Background

- **State Trails Office established at VDOT by General Assembly in June 2022**
- **Directives included:**
 - Develop a State Trails Plan
 - Develop a State Trails Information Clearing House
 - Coordinate with Department of Conservation and Recreation & the State Trails Advisory Committee
 - Development of 5 specific “priority” trails
- **VDOT began outreach efforts in late 2022**

Background Continued

- **\$89M in General Funds provided**
- **CTB Allocated \$1M to each of the 5 priority trails in October 2022 to assist with scoping and estimate development**
- **FY24 Budget Language directed funding amounts to 5 priority trails out of funds appropriated to the State Trails Office**
- **CTB Allocated funds as directed in December 2023**
- **Remaining funds available for distribution - \$29.2M**

State Trails Office 2023 Recap

Data and Planning Efforts



Conducted inventory of available trails data.



Completed data proofing, mapping, and initial analysis.



Coordinated data gathering efforts with localities and regional entities.



Developed initial framework for planning process.



Engagement Statistics

Survey Responses

5,777

Virtual Town Hall Attendees

139

Focus Group Participants

35

Visits to the STO Website

2,176

Number of representatives in Advisory Group and number of meetings thus far

16

Representatives

3

Meetings

Social Media Engagements



3,825

Total Clicks

295,343

Total Impressions

Statewide Trails Plan

Help Build Virginia's Network of Trails

Virginia's Statewide Trails Plan will lay the groundwork for a network of multi-use trails in the Commonwealth. The State Trails Office invites you and your community to participate in the process.

The Statewide Trails Plan will:



Inventory existing and proposed multi-use trails in the Commonwealth



Identify key gaps in Virginia's network of multi-use trails



Outline next steps and best practices in multi-use trail development



Provide opportunities for community visioning and engagement

The Statewide Trails Plan will focus on multi-use trails.

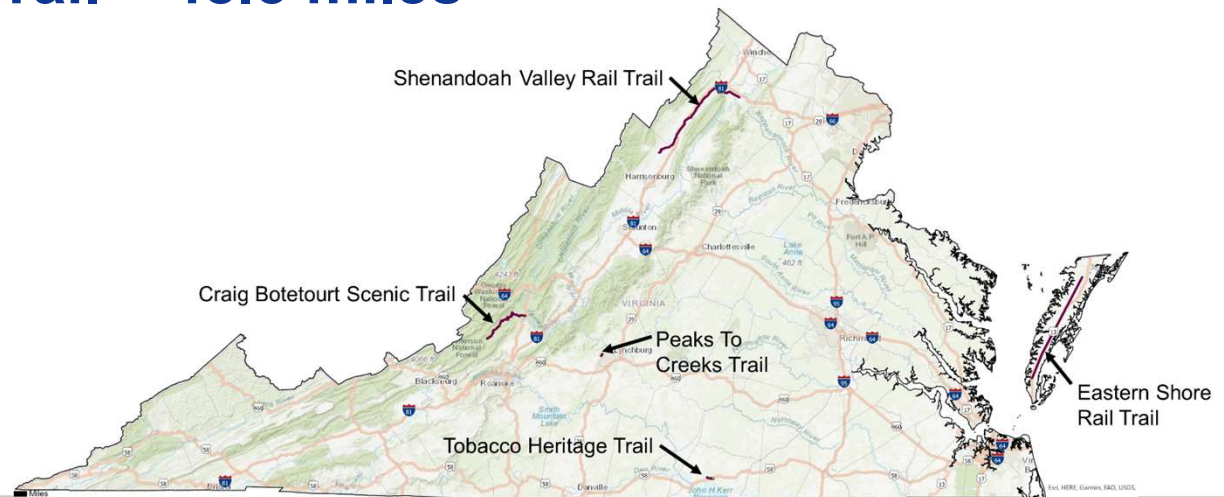
Information Clearinghouse or “Resource Hub”

- Publicly available resource for trail information in Virginia
- Collect data on existing and planned multi-use trails/trail networks across the state
- Standardize trail attributes or characteristics
- Develop an interactive mapping interface of trails in Virginia



General Assembly Priority Trails

- Tobacco Heritage Trail- 2 miles
- Peaks to Creeks Trail – 2.2 miles
- Eastern Shore Rail Trail – 46.3 miles
- Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail – 26.4 miles
- Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail – 48.5 miles



Proposed Funding Distribution

Cost Estimates in 2023 \$ in Millions; Upper End of Cost Range Used

| General Assembly Priority Trail | Estimated Total Cost | Advanced Activity Funding | FY24 Budget Amendment | Other Confirmed Funding | Recommended | Balance to Complete | Status |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Tobacco Heritage Trail | \$4.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.25 | | \$1.75 | \$0 | Fully Funded |
| Peaks to Creeks Trail | \$15.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.25 | | \$12.75 | \$0 | Fully Funded |
| Eastern Shore Rail Trail | \$67.00 | \$1.00 | \$4.00 | \$33.50 | \$0 | \$28.5 | In Progress |
| Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail | TBD | \$1.00 | \$12.50 | | \$0 | TBD | In Progress |
| Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail | TBD | \$1.00 | \$35.00 | \$3.00 | \$0 | TBD | Study Initiated |
| Total | \$86.00 (plus CBST & SVRT) | \$5.0 | \$54.0 | \$36.50 | \$14.50 | \$28.50 (plus CBST & SVRT) | |

Results of Distribution of Remaining Funds

- **Fully fund Construction:**
 - Tobacco Heritage Trail**
 - Peaks to Creek Trail**