

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK









MISSION/

The Virginia Capital Trail Foundation exists to protect, promote, and enhance the Virginia Capital Trail, and to serve as a resource, community builder, and connector to other trails throughout the Commonwealth.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES /

EXCELLENCE: WE ARE COMMITTED TO UTILIZING BEST PRACTICES, OPERATING EFFECTIVELY, STAYING RELEVANT, AND EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY.

INTEGRITY: WE EXIST TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND ARE COMMITTED TO HIGH LEVELS OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY.

COLLABORATION: WE VALUE COLLABORATION AND THE CULTIVATION OF STRONG, LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS.

STEWARDSHIP: WE STRIVE TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: WE PROMOTE ACTIVE LIVING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Friends,

Through your unwavering support, we have made significant strides towards our strategic goals. I am thrilled to share the remarkable milestones of the past year that reflect our commitment to the Virginia Capital Trail, regional trail development, and the communities we serve.

Our commitment to ensuring the Virginia Capital Trail remains a premier recreational and transportation infrastructure throughout the region has yielded unprecedented success. Together, we provided more than \$27,000 to enhance access to outdoor programs along the Trail, fostering a deeper connection between our community, healthy living, and our environment. For the third consecutive year, we have exceeded 1 million Trail usage counts, a testament to

the Trail's growing popularity and impact.

The Capital Trail continues to be a driver for trail growth and advocacy. An impressive \$93 million has been set aside for trails at the state level, promising a further integration of Virginia's trail networks. This generous allocation will aid in creating active, safe infrastructure and advancing eco-friendly transportation systems throughout Virginia.

As we continue to make substantial strides, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your ongoing support. Together we are making a lasting impact throughout the region. I invite you to join us on the Virginia Capital Trail, to witness firsthand the positive community experience and to share in this remarkable outdoor resource.

PAMELA GOGGINS | CHAIR | BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Capital Trail Supporters,

Tamela Loggins

In the pages of this year's Virginia Capital Trail Foundation Annual Report, we are proud to showcase our organization's remarkable progress and achievements in promoting healthy living, community engagement, and sustainable transportation. The Virginia Capital Trail continues to serve as a shining example of how partnerships, dedication, and the unwavering support of our trail users and donors can transform a vision into a reality. Our commitment to connecting

communities and preserving the natural beauty of our region remains steadfast, and we look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead as we continue to grow and make a lasting impact. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have played a role in this journey, and we invite you to explore the pages of this report to discover the shared passion that have made the Virginia Capital Trail Foundation's mission a reality.

Happy Trails,

CAT ANTHONY | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ANNUAL TRAIL USAGE COUNTS

\$93M FOR MULTI-USE TRAILS

- PLANNING & FUNDING FOR GREEN SPACES
- CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MULTI-USE TRAILS
- **DEVELOPING A REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK**
- **EXPANDING EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEMS**
- **BUILDING CONNECTORS & LINKING COMMUNITIES**

SUPPORTED HISTORIC FUNDING IN VA STATE BUDGET

VOLUNTEERS

TRAIL AMBASSADORS

546 TRAIL REPORTS

FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT BUILD EQUITY AND ACCESS IN OUTDOOR RECREATION THAT UTILIZE THE CAPITAL TRAIL

AVERAGE OF 46 REPORTS PER MONTH

SECOND ANNUAL

CAPITAL TRAIL OUTDOOR **EQUITY FUND**



\$27,000+

BAGS OF LITTER REMOVED FROM **OUR COMMUNITY**





VOLUNTEER HOURS



Anti-Litter Program

OPT-A-TRA

488 VOLUNTEERS

245 HOURS | **311** BAGS



NEW FITNESS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- POP-UP REST STOPS
- HISTORY WALKS
- BASIC BIKE MAINT/REPAIR
- **GROUP RIDES**
- SKATE CLINICS
- **COLD/HOT WEATHER RIDING & RUNNING CLASSES**

4TH ANNUAL

ROCKETTS LANDING CAP TRAIL 10 MILE / 5K PRESENTED BY DOMINION ENERGY

RUNNERS & WALKERS OF ALL AGES

3RD ANNUAL CAP TRAIL SUMMER CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY ATLANTIC UNION BANK

WALKERS ROLLER & INLINE SKATERS

29% FROM OUTSIDE THE LOCAL AREA

17TH ANNUAL

CAPCENTER CAP2CAP



OVER 731 PARTICIPANTS

USAGE COUNTS BY JURISDICTION

CITY OF RICHMOND 499,064 HENRICO COUNTY 340,364 JAMES CITY COUNTY 178,337 CHARLES CITY COUNTY 107,914

SOCIAL CHANNEL ENGAGEMENT

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS 12,095 (4 8%) INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS 6,641 (▲ 11%)
TWITTER FOLLOWERS 2,376 (▲ 3%) NEWSLETTER REACH 30,500+ (48% open rate) ANNUAL WEBSITE VIEWS 195,250+













COMMUNITY PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Agee's Bicycle Company
Ampersand Design Company

Applied Materials Foundation

Atlantic Union Bank

Basket and Bike

BDH Foundation

Billsburg Brewery

Bingo Beer

BluePrint Automation, Inc.

Breez-In

CapCenter

Capital Trees

CarMax

Charles City County

City of Richmond

Colonial Downs LLC

Cul's Courthouse Grille

Dominion Energy

Dorey Farmers Market

Gingko Bioworks

Hardywood Park Craft Brewery

Henrico County

Herndon Foundation

Hubbard Peanut Company

Hunton Andrews Kurth

Indian Fields Tavern

James City County

James City County Parks and Recreation

James River Association

Jamestown Yorktown Foundation

KPMG

Kul Wheels

MacFarlane Partners, LLC

New Market Corporation

Pedal Power RVA

PGA Tour Charities, Inc.

Phlow

PRCF (Richmond Parks, Recreation &

Community Facilities)

Quirk Hotel

Rev 3 Triathlon

Richmond Area Bicycling Association

Richmond Jewish Foundation

Richmond Region Tourism

Richmond Road Runners Club

Rivers Rest Marina & Resort

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Riverside Health System

Road Tested Bike Tours, LLC

Rocketts Landing

RVA MORE

Sentara Healthcare

Shelley Cupp Schulte, P.C.

Smartbox

Spoke & Art Provisions, Co.

Sportable

Sports Backers

Stone Brewing Co., LLC

Taproot Hearth & Patio

The Blue Heron

The Daily Scrub, LLC

The Hull Foundation

The Martin Agency

TowneBank

Universal Leaf Foundation

VCU Health System

Venture Richmond

Virginia Credit Union

Virginia Department of Transportation

Virginia Diner

Virginia Outdoors Foundation

Virginia Sargeant Reynolds Foundation

Virginia Tourism Corporation

Virginia Trails Alliance

Walmart

Wells Fargo

Williamsburg Area Bicyclists

Williamsburg Community Foundation



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>>> TRAIL SUSTAINERS CIRCLE - \$1,000+ <<<

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Matthew & Angela Akin
Susan Arrington
Jane Banfield
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>>> TRAIL GUARDIANS-\$550 TO \$999 <<<

Nicholas Bohl Brian Dixon David & Cyndee Dragoo Cliff Fleet Gregory Hawkes Amber Lewis Hon. William Mims Holly Powell Erik & Elise Rupinski Joel & Buzz Spencer Leonard Swinehart Joe & Marcie Walsh



INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

>>> TRAIL CHAMPIONS - \$250 TO \$549 <<<

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COMMUNITY IMPACT





TRAIL ADVOCACY & STATE FUNDING /

Successfully advocated for trail funding. In 2022, we celebrated a historic investment in outdoor recreation, an unprecedented **\$93 million** was allocated in the state budget for trails. We continued to advocate for trail growth and connector trails including the Birthplace of America Trail and Fall Line trail.



SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS /

Worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Richmond to secure funding and install <u>additional signage and safety improvements</u> along the Virginia Capital Trail. Three caution signs alerting Trail users to high traffic areas were installed between Great Shiplock Park and Rocketts Landing.

CAPITAL TRAIL OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND /

Established in 2021, the Capital Trail Outdoor Equity Fund has <u>awarded over</u> \$50,000 for recreational programs that build equitable outdoor access utilizing the Virginia Capital Trail. With funding support from Dominion Energy and our Trail donors, we were able to help 12 non-profit organizations build quality outdoor recreational programs that include cycling, running, hiking, fishing, and coaching opportunities.



Photo by Girls in Gear, a recipient of the Capital Trail Outdoor Equity Fur



SPANISH TRAIL MAPS AND RACK CARDS /

Thanks to a generous grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, Capital Trail maps and rack cards are now available in Spanish! Brochure holders were added at Great Shiplock Park, Four Mile Creek, and the Jamestown Settlement trailheads so trail users can pick up a trail map/rack card in Spanish before venturing out on the Trail.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS /

Expanding our free educational programming was one of our 2022 goals. Over <u>731</u> individuals were served through our pop-up rest stops, Basic Bike Maintenance & Repair, Intro to Bike Touring, Cold/Hot Weather Running and Riding classes, history walks, skate clinics and other outreach events.

YOUR VCTF TEAM Packet Pick-Up Pick-Up

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trained Trail Ambassadors, submitted maintenance reports, led litter cleanups, helped Trail users, and spread goodwill!





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