

DCR Trails Program Mission: Provide assistance and education to encourage the development, maintenance and promotion of attractive, sustainable and connected trails throughout the state.

Trails Program Vision: Active communities and open space linked by trails and greenways that connect individuals, children and their families to nature and to each other.

Goal Themes: Development of Statewide Trails Network
 Trail Design Guidelines and Standards
 Promotion of Trail Benefits and Values
 Technical Assistance
 Clearinghouse and Education

Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: Plan for a cohesive and interconnected statewide trails system

- Objective Develop a Trails Action Agenda that describes an approach and tasks for developing a statewide system of primary long-distance trails.
- Objective: Coordinate implementation of the Trail Action Agenda related to planning and development of statewide trails among local and regional agencies and NGOs.
- Objective: Develop a trail inventory process, and work with government agencies to build the database and monitor trail development progress.
- Objective: Update the greenways and trails plan every five years as part of the Virginia Outdoors Plan.

Goal 2: Provide and disseminate statewide standards and guidelines for trail development in partnership with key agencies

- Objective: Develop sign standards for the statewide trail system.
- Objective: Update DCR's Greenways and Trails Toolbox with trail design guidelines and standards.
- Objective: Update DCR Trails web site with links to trail guidelines and standards.

Goal 3: Develop an integrated approach for promotion and marketing the value and benefits of a trails and greenways

- Objective: Develop graphically engaging trail promotion piece that illustrates the vision of a statewide greenways and trails network and the benefits to the citizens of the Commonwealth.
- Objective: Develop an educational fact sheet that provides local trail planners with statistics, data, and resources to address the public's concerns regarding crime and safety.

Objective: Work with partners to develop a trail user/web site and trails email newsletter.

Goal 4: Provide technical assistance on trail planning, design, construction, and funding to localities and NGOs.

Objective: Establish and maintain up-to-date information links on trails web site including technical documents and other trails-related information and contact information for trail professionals

Objective: Research and circulate options for developing enhanced funding resources for local trail planning efforts

Objective: Maintain contact list of volunteer groups, and provide resources and advice to promote a more robust program for engaging and empowering volunteers

Goal 5: Serve as a clearinghouse and provide educational opportunities related to trail development resources and information.

Objective: Hold targeted workshops as appropriate

Objective: Hold a statewide conference in 2008 and every 3-4 years thereafter as appropriate

Objective: Serve as a clearinghouse of state agencies resources available to assist trail planners