

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

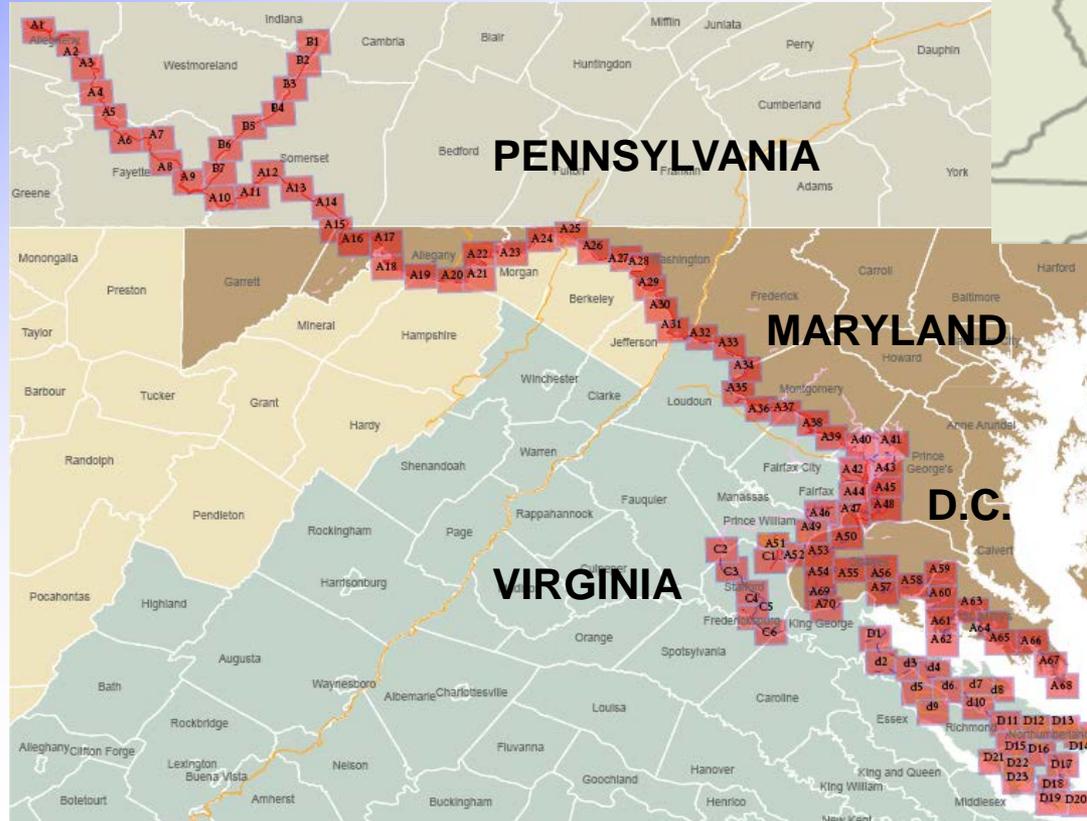


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Experience the corridor of commerce first imagined by George Washington

A growing network of trails and waterways:

- 425-mile mile corridor
- 24 designated “segments” / 830 miles
- 230 +/- miles of planned/potential segments



Termini at:

- Point Lookout State Park, Md.
- Smith Point / Reedville, Vir.
- Point State Park (Pittsburgh), Penn.
- Seward, Penn.

Legislation and Administration:

- **feasibility study authorized in National Trails System Act of 1968**
 - **1983 Trail corridor authorized as amendment to NTSA**
 - **Secretary of the Interior → National Park Service**
 - **2002 *Federal Register* Notice: guidelines for local and state agencies**
 - **trails on federal lands recognized in management plans**
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- **operations funding FY2000**
 - **one FTE**
 - **FY08 budget: \$273,600**
 - **Challenge Cost-Share Program**



The Trail is a partnership...

...to develop and maintain a network of locally-managed trails for recreation, transportation, health, and education between the mouth of the Potomac River and the Allegheny Highlands.

With the C & O Canal Towpath as the spine, the Trail is a meeting ground of ideas and practices, reflecting a desire for the conservation of lands and waters, for educational opportunities combined with outdoor recreation, and for a celebration of regional diversity and distinctiveness.



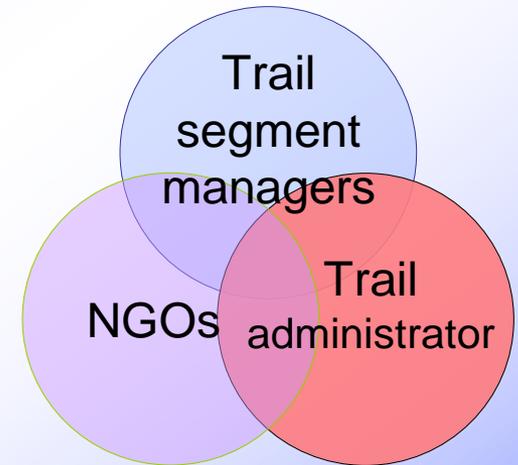


Challenges:

coordination among different kinds of stakeholders

graphic identity

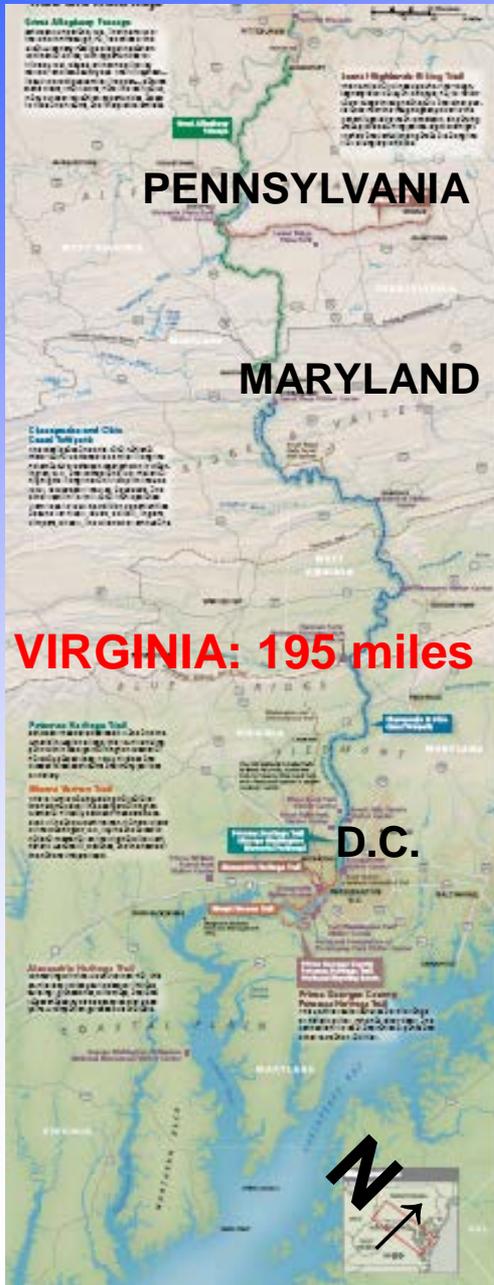
developing “continuity of experience” through five physiographic provinces



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The Trail network:



“designated” Trail segments	miles
Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail (Laurel Ridge SP, Penn. DCNR)	70.0
Great Allegheny Passage (partners in the Allegheny Trail Alliance)	150.0
C & O Canal Towpath (C & O Canal NHP, NPS)	184.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Circle Parks Trail (D.C.) Capital Monuments Route (D.C.) 	21 10
Linear Park System in eastern Loudoun County (Loudoun County; NVRPA)	15
Potomac Heritage Trail segments in Seneca Tract (NVRPA), Great Falls Park (NPS) & Riverbend Park and Scott’s Run Nature Preserve (Fairfax County Park Authority)	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potomac Heritage Trail (George Washington Memorial Parkway, NPS) Mount Vernon Trail (George Washington Memorial Parkway, NPS) 	10 18.5
Alexandria Heritage Trail (City of Alexandria, Vir.)	23.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potomac Heritage NST routes, Prince William Forest Park (NPS) Potomac Heritage Trail Phase I (Prince William County) 	4.5 8
Government Island Trail; Aquia Creek Trail; Historic Falmouth-Ferry Farm Trail (Stafford County, Vir.)	7.0
Northern Neck Heritage Trail Bicycling Route Network (Northumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster & Richmond counties)	96
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince Georges County Potomac Heritage Trail On-Road Bicycling Route Potomac Heritage NST segment (hiking), Piscataway Park (NPS) 	27.0 1.0
Potomac Heritage NST, Nanjemoy Natural Resource Management Area (BLM)	2.0
Southern Maryland PHT On-Road Bicycling Route	154
TOTAL MILES	830

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Trail Segments in Virginia:

Loudoun County:
- Linear Park System (Goose Creek – Seneca)

Northern Fairfax County:
- Potomac Heritage Trail in Upper Potomac Properties (NVRPA), Riverbend Park (FCPA), Great Falls Park (NPS) & Scotts Run Nature Preserve (FCPA)

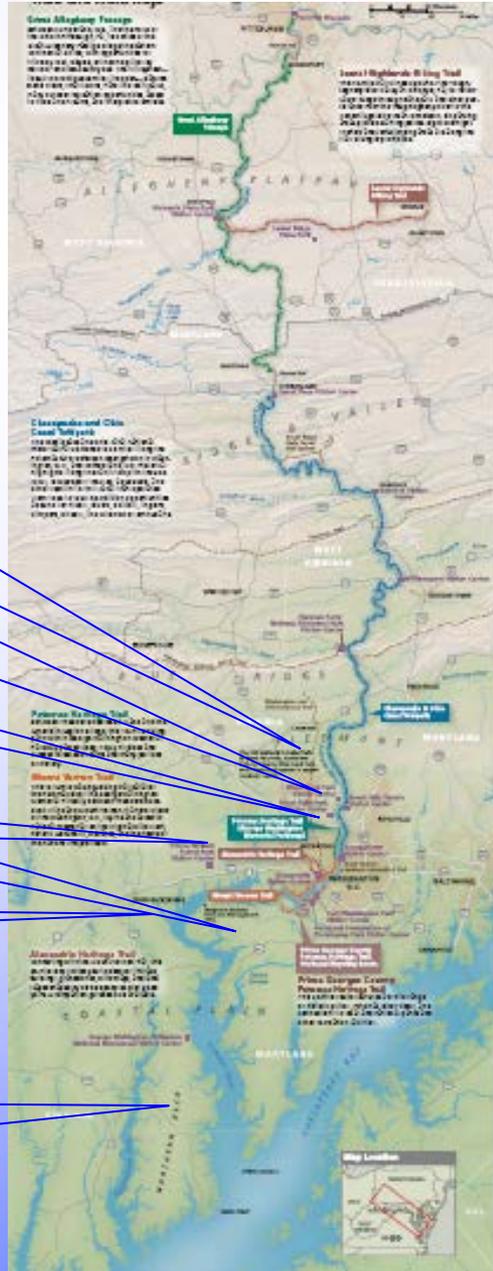
George Washington Memorial Parkway:
- Potomac Heritage Trail
- Mount Vernon Trail

Southern Fairfax County/City of Alexandria:
- Potomac Heritage Trail (Mount Vernon – Occoquan Regional Park)
- Alexandria Heritage Trail

Prince William County:
- Potomac Heritage Trail (Belmont Bay - Leesylvania State Park)
- routes within Prince William Forest Park

Stafford County:
- Government Island Trail
- Historic Falmouth-Ferry Farm Trail
- Aquia Creek Water Trail (planned)

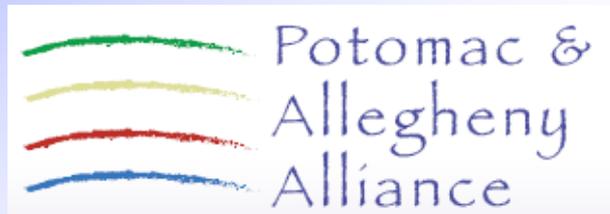
Northumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster & Richmond counties:
- Northern Neck Heritage Trail Bicycling Route Network
- water trail Westmoreland S.P.-Colonial Beach-James Monroe Birthplace



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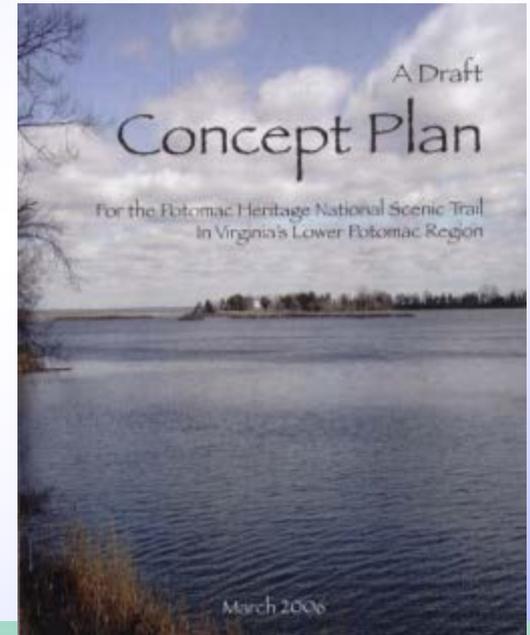
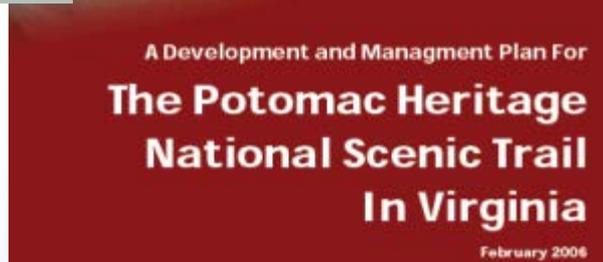
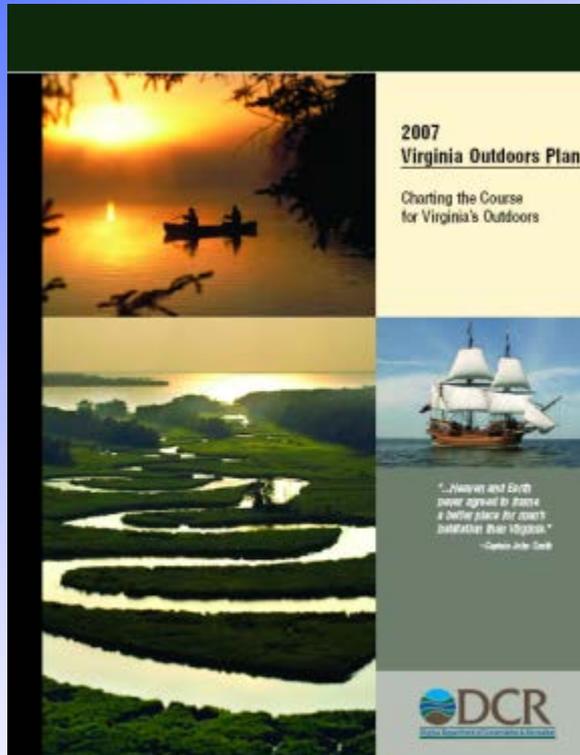
Multiple meanings...

- combine outdoor recreation opportunities & corridor conservation
- endorsement for non-motorized transportation
- understand local resources in the context of national themes
- regional heritage tourism marketing
- some technical & financial assistance



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Planning for the PHNST in Virginia:



Implementation Plan

**For The
Potomac Heritage
National Scenic Trail
In Prince William County**

Prepared for the
Prince William County Park Authority
by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission
September 2002

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Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
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Wayside Exhibit Proposal

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Northern Virginia's Piedmont Region

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	Site Orientation	Regional Orientation	Paddling/Hiking trail	Site-specific Interpretation	Trail marker
Theodore Roosevelt Island	Yes		Yes		Yes
Live Oak Drive					Yes
Scott's Run	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Great Falls VC	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Riverbend Park	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Seneca Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Algonkian Regional Park	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Rees Park			Yes		Yes
Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park		Yes	Yes		Yes
Keyhardt Bridge Landing			Yes	Yes	Yes
Keep Loudoun Beautiful Park	Yes		Yes		Yes
Red Rock Overlook Regional Park	Yes	Yes			Yes
Ball's Bluff	Yes	Yes	Yes		
White's Ferry (Maryland)		Yes			

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