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## Greenways and Trails Program E-News

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**Upcoming Grants**

**Bikes Belong**, due Aug. 27.  
 Applicants can request up to \$10,000 each.

**Appalachian Gateway Initiative:** Natural and Cultural Heritage Tourism Development, RFPs due July 22

6/30/2010

[NPS Rivers Trails, and Conservation Assistance](#), for technical assistance- due Aug. 1

[TIGER II Discretionary Grants](#), pre-applications due July. 15

[EPA Community Health Projects related to Brownfields and Land Reuse](#), due July 7

[Toms of Maine 50 State for Good](#), due July 2

[TIGGER Program Funds](#)- for transit investments, due Aug. 11

[AMA Foundation Healthy Living](#), due July 15

[Funding opportunities in Virginia](#)

[Grants.gov](#) is the federal funding site for 1000 grant programs offered by 26 agencies.

#### DCR Welcomes New Leadership!

The VA Department of Conservation and Recreation is now under the leadership of David Johnson, who has spent more than 14 years working on environmental policy and its practical application. He served as chief deputy for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from 1998 through 2002 and as director for a short time in 2002. Since 2006, he has worked as an environment and energy consultant to the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and represented the group before state regulatory bodies and the General Assembly. In 2009 he was named director of policy for the newly formed Virginia Fountainhead Alliance, an organization of businesses interested in Virginia's environmental and economic future.

The Division of Planning and Recreation Resources, formerly under John Davy, is now under the leadership of Danette Poole. Ms. Poole has over 30 years of experience in state parks and recently served as Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails Coordinator for the National Park Service.



### Trails at Breaks Interstate Park

#### Google Maps Now Have Bicycle Routes!

Although in Beta form with much more work to be done, Google has added bicycle routes to the [Google Maps](#) site, expanding on the transit, pedestrian and driving routes previously available.



The site prioritizes off-street trails (designated with thick, dark-green lines) over separate bike lanes (thinner, light-green lines) over designated bike routes (dashed, light-green lines) and also tries to avoid hills, busier streets and crowded intersections.

### Recreational Trail Grants Announced

Congratulations to the recipients of the Recreational Trails Program 2009-2010 grant round. The [Recreational Trails Program](#) (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Awarded Projects include:

Virginia Beach, Marshview Park Trails  
Powhatan County- Fighting Creek Park Trail Extension  
Botetourt County-The Upper James River Water Trail  
Hungry Mother State Park- Clyburn Hollow Trails  
Town of Victoria-Railroad Trail

Projects Pending Award

USFS Glenwood & Pedlar Ranger District-South Pedlar ATV Trails  
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority- Fountainhead Park Trails  
Virginia Military Institute- Chessie Trail

DCR staff anticipates that another grant round will be announced in the Fall,

Join us in welcoming these new leaders to our agency!

### Upcoming Events

July 15-17 [Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference](#), Atlanta, GA

September 12-19, 2010, [Virginia Cycling and Pedestrian Awareness Week](#)

September 11-14 [2010 VRPS Annual Conference](#) Hampton Roads Convention Center

September 13-17, 2010, [Pro Walk/Pro Bike](#), the Sixteenth International Symposium on Walking and Bicycling, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

September 22-24, 2010, 10th [National Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities: Tools of the Trade](#), Williamsburg, VA.

September 25, 2010 [National Public Lands Day](#)--Various locations

October 6 [International Walk to School Day](#) Various locations

October 18-19, 2010, [Transportation Systems for Livable Communities Conference](#), Washington, D.C. Info: Transportation Research Board

October 25-29 NRPA [2010 Congress and Exposition](#) Minneapolis, MN

November 14-17, 2010 2010 [American Trails National Symposium](#) Chattanooga, TN.



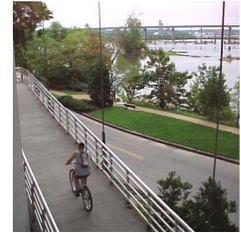
Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation  
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Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance • Land Conservation  
Outdoor Recreation Planning • Dam Safety & Floodplains

so stay tuned!

## The Richmond Region Rolls Forward

### Promoting Trails and Greenways in the Region

On May 21, Mayor Dwight Jones of Richmond announced the formation of a new Pedestrian-Bicycling-Trails Planning Commission to help craft recommendations for "...a Richmond City Pedestrian, Bicycling and Trails Plan that will include education, safety and public awareness components. "It is my hope that this plan will improve the environment by reducing the city's dependence on motor vehicles, reduce traffic by getting more cars off of the roads, and improve the health of our residents by promoting physical activity," said the Mayor.



Volunteer efforts are helping to create a connected network of trails and greenways throughout the City.

#### Student Efforts

Kent Hipp with VA Tech recently completed a study called "Unfolding a Process Landscape: Community Participation at Cannon Creek," which built on an earlier study by Kathy Wright at VCU. Another VCU student, Matt Weaver, developed a plan for routing the East Coast Greenway through Richmond.

#### ASLA-RTCA Partnership

Amber Ellis and Jessica Mauzy with the American Society of Landscape Architects helped develop a conceptual plan for the James River Branch Rail-Trail through a partnership with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Applications are now being accepted for FY11 projects (to begin on October 2010.) Click here for an [application form](#) . If you have questions or would like to discuss a project in your community and could benefit from this partnership, contact Ursula Lemanski, [ursula\\_lemanski@nps.gov](mailto:ursula_lemanski@nps.gov).

#### Local Groups

Next month the Virginia Army National Guard will begin removal of the underbrush and remaining trash from the Cannon Creek Greenway ravine in preparation for their construction of the trail and park features the following summer. The [local](#) and [state Sierra](#) clubs have played a role in the development of this linear park in North Richmond.

The [Partnership for Smarter Growth](#) is working with government and advocates to identify and promote bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects while continuing to sponsor educational workshops on sustainable development throughout the region. They are partnering with the [Richmond Area Bicycling Association](#), [TransitTalk.com](#), [Ridefinders](#), and others, on a "Move the Region" campaign. One effort mobilizes several citizens in each district to meet with their elected official to discuss why better land use and more transportation choice is so important to the region's economy and health.

The [Enrichmond](#) Foundation (formerly the Richmond Recreation and Park Foundation) has assisted over 50 partner groups in a variety of fashions, including providing non-profit status to local park and greenway groups. This Foundation helps build capacity at the neighborhood level, where park, recreation and trail projects are encouraged to flourish through grassroots citizen participation.

Other groups like the [James River Outdoor Coalition](#), the [Virginia Capital Trail Foundation](#), and the [Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts](#) continue to put

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

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trail facilities on the ground for everyone to enjoy.

The incredible energy and cumulative power of these advocates and others makes it clear that the time has come to make sustainable transportation a reality in the Richmond region.

## Let's MOVE!!!

Join First Lady Michelle Obama, community leaders, teachers, doctors, nurses, moms and dads in a nationwide campaign to tackle the challenge of childhood obesity. [Learn more](#), read the [action plan](#), and [join us](#) in solving the problem within a generation.

## Submit your articles and photos

If you have articles or photos about trails or trail solutions/best practices in Virginia that would be of interest to a statewide audience, please submit them for consideration in the quarterly Greenways and Trails E-News. Also of interest are organizational strategies that work and other tips for trail advocates. Send text and photos to [jennifer.wampler@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:jennifer.wampler@dcr.virginia.gov).

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