Investing in protected bike-and-pedestrian infrastructure, safe outdoor recreation, and healthy active living for all of our families and communities.
MISSION /

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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 the highest 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.

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Dear Capital Trail Stakeholders,

The Virginia Capital Trail has been referred to as a lifeline. We often hear stories from visitors about their welcoming and positive experiences on the Capital Trail! Stories of compassion, generosity and community. Thanks to each of you!

Together we advocated for essential trail funding and saw real transformative change, resulting in a state budget proposal that earmarked $245 million for outdoor recreation and trails in Virginia. This important funding will propel the integration of trail networks across the Commonwealth, develop active and safe infrastructure, and help create eco-friendly and balanced transportation systems.

With your support, our staff and board continue to make great strides in accomplishing our main strategic goals:

Goal 1: Ensure that the Virginia Capital Trail continues to be an excellent recreational and transportation infrastructure in the region.

Goal 2: Expand trail usage and ensure that the Virginia Capital Trail is open to all.

Goal 3: Establish a framework for regional trail development.

There is still much to do and we cannot thank you enough for your support. I hope you enjoy the Capital Trail as much as I do. See you on the Trail!

TED UKROP | CHAIRMAN | BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Capital Trail Supporters,

What an impactful year! For the second year, the Capital Trail reached over one million annual trail usage counts. With the help of Dominion Energy, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, and our Trail community, we released our first Outdoor Equity Fund and supported seven local nonprofits to increase equitable access to the Capital Trail and the outdoors.

I hope the Trail has been a great source of comfort and joy for you this year! Thank you for your support and partnership. We are filled with excitement, anticipation, and immense gratitude as we look to the future and all that we will accomplish together! Let’s keep the momentum going!

Happy Trails,

CAT ANTHONY | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY IMPACT 2021

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OVER 1 MILLION ANNUAL TRAIL USAGE COUNTS

TRAIL ADVOCACY
- 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 10 MILLION IN TRAIL FUNDING

TRAIL AMBASSADORS
- OVER 825 VOLUNTEERS
- 576 TRAIL REPORTS OVER 2,000 HOURS
- 14,427 MILES

LAUNCHED FIRST EVER CAPITAL TRAIL OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND

$23,000+

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

373 BAGS OF TRASH COLLECTED

19% GROWTH

NEW FITNESS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- Yoga Classes
- Pop-Up Rest Stops
- Movie Nights
- Basic Bike Maintenance/Repair
- Intro to Bike Touring
- Disability Etiquette
- Bike Tours

OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS

3RD ANNUAL CAP TRAIL 10 MILE / 5K
- 390+ Runners & Walkers

2ND ANNUAL SUMMER CHALLENGE
- 257 Runners
- 137 Cyclists
- 1,333 Cyclists from Outside the Local Area

ADOPT-A-TRAIL
- 403 VOLUNTEERS
- 562 HOURS | 244 BAGS

Anti-Litter Program

137 TRAINED AMBASSADORS

SOCIAL CHANNEL ENGAGEMENT

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS .......... 11,250 (↑ 13%)
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS .......... 5,976 (↑ 27%)
TWITTER FOLLOWERS .......... 2,305 (↑ 4%)
NEWSLETTER REACH .......... 43,000+
ANNUAL WEBSITE VIEWS .......... 239,000+

USAGE COUNTS BY JURISDICTION

CITY OF RICHMOND .............. 378,686
HENRICO COUNTY .............. 356,731
JAMES CITY COUNTY ........... 151,917
CHARLES CITY COUNTY ........ 133,689

QR CODE: 14 FROM OUTSIDE THE COMMONWEALTH
We are incredibly fortunate to work alongside so many dedicated community partners who understand outdoor spaces are vital for our communities and need support and funding.

- Cat Anthony
I rode the trail out and back this year in one day and it was great, can’t wait to do it again!

- Kevin S.

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

Matthew & Angela Akin
Jane Banfield
Pushkal Basavaraj
Jack Berry
Anthony Bowes
John & Carter Bryan
Shelley & Randolph Case
Judy Caspari
Tracy Clark
Josh Dare
Jeffrey & Ilse Deel
Mark & Therese Dozier
Robert & Andrea Erda
Charles & Rosalie Frey
Don & Betsy Garber
Clark & Monica Glave
Pamela Goggins
Matthew & Kirsti Goodwin
Roy & Charlotte Grier
Don & Ann Hall
Ted & Beth Hanson
Paul Harbolick
Mark Herzog
Michael & Paige Holbert
Jeffrey Hull
Jeff Joy
Becky & Marty Kanipe
Jerome & Barbara Kloeker
Michael & Kathy Laing
Amber Lewis
John & Arlene McLaren
Sally Meyers
Daniel & Charlye Mondak
Jennifer & Edward Mullen
John Nania
Keith & Carol Naumann
William & Pamela O’Connor
Pamela Royall
Wallace & Mary Stettinus
Maria Tedesco
Jim & Bobbie Ukrop
Ted & Katie Ukrop
Daniel & Brenda Walker
Barry & Lois Watkins
Kenan & Briscoe White

>>> TRAIL GUARDIANS - $999 TO $550

Thomas & Barbara Bailey
Brian Dixon
Dave & Cyndee Dragoo
Cliff Fleet
Jennifer & Kelly French
Von Gilbreath
Arthur Grant
Holly Powell
Buford & Beth Scott
Brooks & Jennifer Smith
Joel & Buzz Spencer
Bill Stephens
Joe & Marcie Walsh
Mark Willis
We love the Trail! Thank you for this wonderful community resource.

- Mike & Kathryn
EVENTS & MILESTONES

1,333 CYCLISTS RODE IN CAP2CAP

650 FROM OUTSIDE LOCAL AREA
WALKERS, RUNNERS AND CYCLISTS IN OUR CAP TRAIL SUMMER CHALLENGE
TRAIL ADVOCACY & STATE FUNDING / 
Successfully advocated for trail funding. In 2021, the state set aside **$10 million dollars** to support the planning, development, and construction of multi-use trails, Governor Northam proposed **$245 million** for outdoor recreation (**233M for multi-use trails**) and Central Virginia Transportation Authority committed **$113 million** to a variety of infrastructure projects that includes safety improvements to four Capital Trail crossings. In April, Henrico County Parks and Recreation held a ribbon cutting ceremony to open an additional **3/4 mile connector trail** linking the Capital Trail to additional parking and the Dorey Park Farmers Market.

BRINGING AWARENESS OF VA TRAIL NETWORKS / 
With a **shared vision of equitable access to trails and greenways**, the VCTF partnered with the East Coast Greenway Alliance for the Winter Warrior Challenge. Participants learned about trail networks across Virginia and how important pedestrian and cycling infrastructure is to our region.

CAPITAL TRAIL OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND / 
Released on March 8, 2021, the Capital Trail Outdoor Equity Fund helps non-profit organizations implement programs that work towards increasing equity and access in outdoor recreation, specifically using the Virginia Capital Trail. With funding support from Dominion Energy, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, and our Trail donors, we awarded a combined total of $23,250 to seven nonprofits to fund a range of outdoor recreational programs that include cycling, running, hiking, and fishing.

TRAILS ARE FOR EVERYONE / 
In October, we **launched our first annual Share the Trail campaign.** We posted temporary Trail etiquette signs along the Virginia Capital Trail showcasing the importance of Trail safety, shared fun homemade videos from Trail users, and posted weekly trail tips.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS / 
Expanding our grassroots and free educational programming was one of our 2021 goals. We **served over 300 trail users** through our pop-up rest stops, Basic Bike Maintenance & Repair, Intro to Bike Touring, On the Trail Yoga with MPower, Disability Awareness training, and other outreach events. We also partnered with James City County Parks & Recreation and Henrico County Recreation and Parks to offer movie nights on the Trail.
Y O U R   V C T F   T E A M

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C A T   A N T H O N Y / E X E C U T I V E   D I R E C T O R
C Y N D E E   D R A G O O
M A T T   P I E N K O W S K I

137+

trained Trail Ambassadors submit maintenance reports, lead litter cleanups, help Trail users, and spread goodwill!