



Grand History Trail

The Grand History Trail is a unique conceptual interstate trail system that would connect 100 miles of existing disconnected trails to create a 300-mile circular pathway for non-motorized travelers. Linking Washington, D.C., Maryland and Pennsylvania, the trail will provide a safe and pleasant route through a region rich with historical, cultural and natural resources.

WHERE WILL THE TRAIL GO?

The Grand History Trail route connects major metropolitan areas and historic small towns in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania (see map on reverse). The route connects Annapolis, Md.; Baltimore, Md.; Frederick, Md.; Washington, D.C.; Gettysburg, Pa.; and York, Pa.

WHOM AND WHAT WILL THE TRAIL CONNECT?

The Grand History Trail attempts to link popular existing trails, including Pennsylvania's York Heritage Trail and the C&O Canal towpath in Maryland and D.C., with proposed and project trails to create a continuous circular corridor connecting important heritage sites such as the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, among others. A complete inventory of national historical sites along the Grand History Trail route is included in the trail concept plan at www.railstotrails.org/grandhistorytrail.

PAST AND FUTURE OF THE GRAND HISTORY TRAIL

Encourage your state agencies, local planning departments and elected officials to support and develop the Grand History Trail—the cornerstone of an emerging interstate trail system in the Mid-Atlantic!

shares connections with the East Coast Greenway (a proposed bicycle route from Florida to Maine), the C&O Canal towpath, and the Great Allegheny Passage (a rail-trail system from Cumberland, Md., to Pittsburgh, Pa.).

Members of the York County Rail Trail Authority first saw the great regional potential of connecting the trails between York and Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. This initial plan spawned the idea of an interstate trail system that also

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) and the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program have worked with local stakeholders to develop a concept plan for the Grand History Trail which includes: an identified route alignment, segment analysis and resource inventory, and recommendations for implementation.

What began as a sketch on a piece of paper has blossomed into an interconnected group of stakeholders from every level of government, and a comprehensive set of Geospatial Information System (GIS) data that can be used by state and local partners to guide official planning processes and enhance tourism.

For more information, visit www.railstotrails.org/grandhistorytrail or contact Kelly Pack at 202.974.5148 or kelly@railstotrails.org

PROJECT PARTNERS

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Grand History Trail Overview Map

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