The Economic, Health, and Environmental Benefits of Completing
The Capital Trails Network

The Impact by the Numbers

$1.09 Billion in Network Expansion Investment Yields . . .

Increased Access

3.9M Residents within 2 miles of a trail

930,000+ Regular Trail Users throughout the DC Metro Area

Economic Impacts

$2.05B from construction over 25 years supporting 16,100 Jobs

$941M from local annual spending supporting 8,200 Jobs

$9.9B in property value premium benefits over 25 years

$517M annual public health savings

Environmental Benefits

$433M in lifetime carbon storage value

49M Miles in reduced vehicle miles traveled each year

$1.02 Billion total economic impacts per year

$2.4 Billion total savings per year

About the Capital Trails Coalition

The Capital Trails Coalition is a collaboration of public and private organizations, agencies, and volunteers working to advance completion of an interconnected network of multi-use trails for the Washington metropolitan area. Started in 2015, the Coalition has worked with each jurisdiction to identify planned trails that, once complete, will connect our region. The trails will be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and will be developed and distributed equitably.

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The planned trails will both extend the network into new communities and connect segments of the trails that already exist. The network has 152 planned projects, totaling 402 miles of still-to-be built trail segments or connectors. These remaining projects, upon completion, will provide the region with a comprehensive active transportation network that supports increased mobility and circulation around the region, provides more communities with green infrastructure and recreational assets, and improves the quality of life and attractiveness of the region.