



Oxon Run Trail, Washington, DC



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**



**\$9.9B**  
in property  
value premium  
benefits over  
25 years



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



**\$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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# An Interconnected Trail System for the Region

**Complete**  
**479 Miles**

**Planned**  
**402 Miles**



## MILES OF TRAIL NETWORK BY LOCALITY

WASHINGTON, DC	68.2mi	43.2mi
ALEXANDRIA, VA	17.3mi	6.3mi
ARLINGTON, VA*	35.0mi	7.7mi
FAIRFAX, VA**	155.5mi	60.6mi
MONTGOMERY, MD	113.3mi	42.5mi
PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD	89.6mi	242.0mi

\*Fall Church, VA trail segments are included in the Arlington, VA totals.  
\*\*Fairfax City, VA trail segments are included in the Fairfax, VA totals.

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.



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