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

Montgomery County, MD

Economic Impact by the Numbers

Increased Access

432,870 Residents working age adults within 2 mi. of a trail

167,590+ Regular Trail Users

$93M annual public health costs avoided

Economic Impacts

$262M from construction over 25 years

$156M from annual trail spending supporting 1,240 jobs

$2.02B in property value benefits over 25 years

$18M total annual property tax impact

Environmental Benefits

$92.2M in lifetime carbon storage value

$30.8M environmental costs avoided annually

6.9M Miles in reduced vehicle miles traveled each year

$166 Million total economic impacts per year

$445 Million total savings per year

Capital Trails Network

Complete

113.3 Miles

Planned

42.5 Miles

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.