BLAZING TRAILS: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND GROWING THE ECONOMY

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Trails Connect Everyone, Everywhere.

At Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, we are building a nation connected by trails. We reimagine public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors.
BENEFITS OF TRAIL NETWORKS

- Transportation Options
- Strong Businesses and Economies
- Opportunities for Health and Wellness
- A Thriving Environment
- Equitable Access
RTC has worked to secure $10 billion in state funding over the past 5 years, supported by Democrats and Republicans.

Bipartisan support, funding in GOP-led states (FL, IN, NE, OH, UT), Dem-led states (CA, NY), & divided government states (NC, VA).

Significant increases in state-administered, federal Transportation Alternatives funding.

Winning political issue: voters like trails!
COPY: Funding Sources and Policies

- **STAND-ALONE BILL** (see Active Transportation Policy Hub for real bill text examples: [RTC.LI/POLICYHUB])
- **EARMARK BILL** (where allowed) or budget rider
- **GOVERNOR’S BUDGET OR OTHER EXECUTIVE GOALS** (e.g., State of the State)
- **IN-HOUSE AGENCY ACTION OR FUNDING** (agency staffing positions; State Trails Office; trail plan)
- **BALLOT/BOND MEASURE**
- **VIA TRANSPORTATION SOURCES**: Gas tax (where permitted), state active transportation funds, state climate plans
- **VIA NATURAL RESOURCES SOURCES**: Trail-specific, parks, outdoor recreation, climate, land and water conservation, tourism
- **STATEWIDE TRAIL PLAN** (inter-agency)