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BLAZING TRAILS: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND GROWING THE ECONOMY

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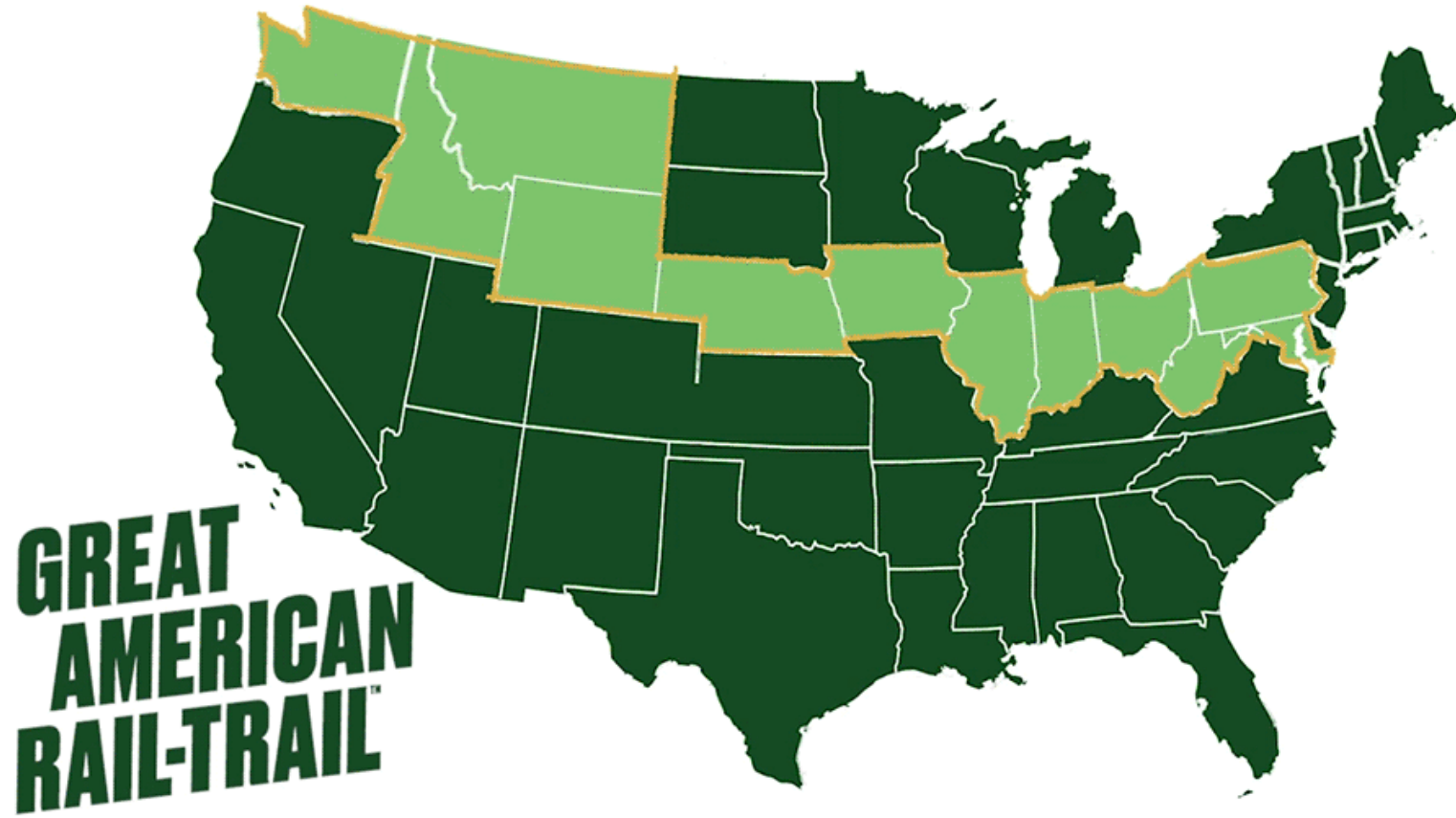
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Trails Connect Everyone, Everywhere.

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.

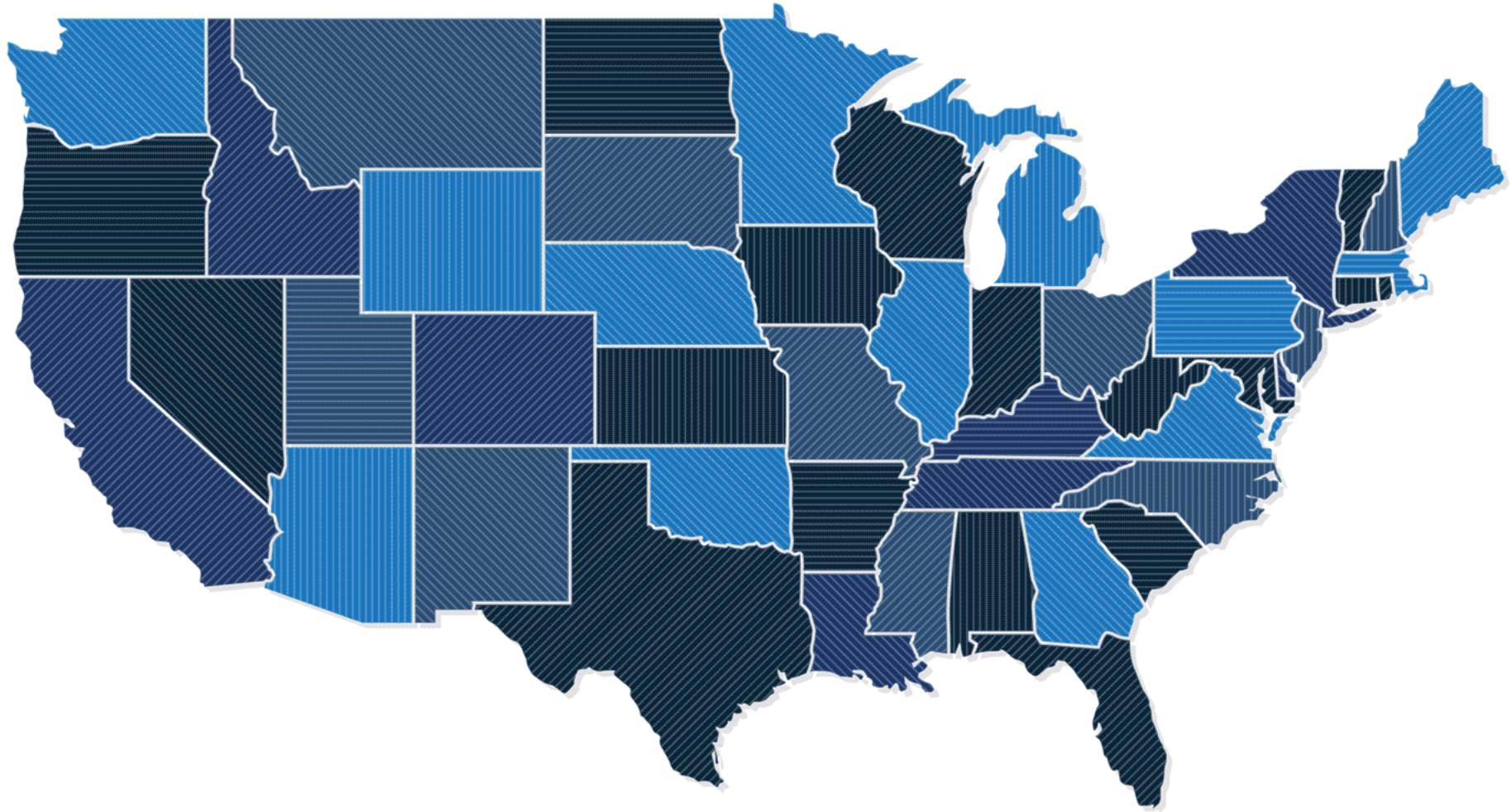




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BENEFITS OF TRAIL NETWORKS



TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



STRONG BUSINESSES
AND ECONOMIES



OPPORTUNITIES FOR
HEALTH AND WELLNESS



A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT



EQUITABLE ACCESS

COPY: Billions for Trails and Active Transportation



RTC has worked to secure ***\$10 billion*** in state funding over the past 5 years, supported by Democrats and Republicans



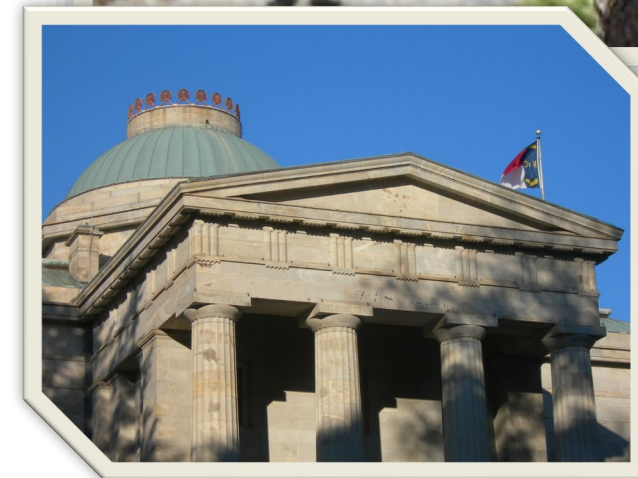
Bipartisan support, funding in GOP-led states (FL, IN, NE, OH, UT), Dem-led states (CA, NY), & divided government states (NC, VA)



Significant increases in state-administered, federal Transportation Alternatives funding



Winning political issue: ***voters like trails!***



NC State Capitol, by Jimmy Emerson, DVM

COPY: Funding Sources and Policies



STAND-ALONE BILL (*SEE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY HUB FOR REAL BILL TEXT EXAMPLES: [RTC.LJ/POLICYHUB](https://www.rtc.lj/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)

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