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REPORT



APPALACHIAN TRAIL
CONSERVANCY®

SINCE 1925, THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY (ATC)

has kept true to its roots in managing and protecting America's premier trail, the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). In cooperation with the federal government, Trail maintaining clubs, and more than 6,000 volunteers, we have continued to care for a 2,190-mile footpath that, to so many, is a place of hopes, dreams, and inspirations. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary, we reflect on what our Trail has meant to millions of hikers since it was completed in 1937 and how we prepare ourselves for the challenges we face ahead.

Last year, we announced a five-year Strategic Plan that will build upon our success and expertise in Trail stewardship and protection. At the same time, this plan has established some new and exciting goals for the organization, which align closely with the priorities of the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

Lands surrounding the protected Trail are currently vulnerable to external threats such as new transmission lines and gas pipelines, highway expansions, proposed subdivisions and commercial development, and the reality of climate change impacts, just to name a few. To tackle these threats, we have started a new initiative that will help identify high priority large landscapes along the A.T. and create strategies to expand and protect the Trail's natural and cultural values.

We are also working with our government and private partners to attract a younger and more diverse audience to the Trail as hikers and volunteers. These new stewards will be responsible for ensuring the continued protection and sustainability of our Trail for future generations.

On September 2, 2015, the feature film "A Walk in the Woods," starring Robert Redford as the author of the book by Bill Bryson, will premiere around the country. We have been working diligently with our staff, volunteers, and partners to prepare for the likely surge of hikers because of the movie, which creates management challenges but also presents a great opportunity to reach a broader audience.

We are entering a new era of Trail protection and stewardship, and we are proud of our volunteers, members, and supporters who enable us to move forward with our Strategic Plan. We look forward to the challenges, and most importantly, the opportunities we face to ensure a bright future for the Appalachian Trail.

**RONALD J.
TIPTON**

Executive
Director/CEO

**SANDRA
MARRA**

Chair



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MISSION AND VISION

OUR MISSION

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's mission is to preserve and manage the Appalachian Trail — ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be shared and enjoyed today, tomorrow, and for centuries to come.

OUR VISION

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's vision is to connect the human spirit with nature — preserving the delicate majesty of the Trail as a haven for all to enjoy.

We are committed to nurture and protect this sacred space through education and inspiration. We strive to create an ever-expanding community of doers and dreamers, and work to ensure that tomorrow's generations will experience the same mesmerizing beauty we behold today.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

ENSURING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE TRAIL

Late 2014, we announced a five-year Strategic Plan that will advance the health and long-term management of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). The plan, which was the culmination of a two-year collaborative process between the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and the ATC's board of directors, is a vision and strategy that will build on the organization's stewardship of the Trail while also aligning with the priorities of the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.



CONSERVATION

PROTECTING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Our conservation work is increasingly complex and dynamic as we head into our 90th year of managing the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Last year we signed a new 10-year cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, and there are growing challenges and many successes to reflect on in 2014.

Among our most significant challenges is energy infrastructure development and its impact on important recreation lands, including the A.T. corridor. The expanded Northern Pass transmission line in New Hampshire, numerous large natural gas pipeline proposals, and industrial wind development projects all require staff attention and review to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Trail. Our response to these complex developments carefully considered the balance between national energy needs and the critical need to protect investments in public lands and recreation assets. It's a balancing act that we worked on throughout the year and will continue to be focused on in the foreseeable future.

There are other Trailside development projects that we will wholeheartedly speak out against. The massive casino proposal near the 13,000-acre Sterling Forest State Park, which the Trail passes through, was an incompatible project that we strongly opposed, and we marshaled resources with numerous conservation partners to help stop this project. We are happy that the resulting decision denied permitting a casino adjacent to these very significant public lands. We also spoke out against a proposed missile defense site adjacent to the Trail in Maine.



Rendering of the proposed Sterling Forest Resort, which was denied a permit to build a casino adjacent to the A.T., thanks to the ATC and numerous conservation partners.

NEW RIVER RELOCATION

We were thrilled to host the ribbon cutting for the new Appalachian Trail (A.T.) section on the recently acquired lands near the New River in southwest Virginia. This project, in the works for more than 30 years, was finally completed after working with the U.S. Forest Service, Celanese Corporation, and Columbia Gas. All parties collaborated to complete the final 2.5 miles of this 5-mile relocation in record time. Thanks to our partners and the hard work of the Konnarock Trail Crew, this new section is officially open.



SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

A grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has enabled the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) to continue to advance conservation within south-central Pennsylvania through the direction of the South Mountain Partnership.

The Partnership is a unified group of citizens, businesses, nonprofits, academic institutions and local, state and federal government agencies and officials that collectively strive to conserve landscape resources to enrich the quality of life and sense of place of the South Mountain region's citizens and communities.

With a grant of \$195,000, the ATC will continue to support a full-time staff position to lead the Partnership as it implements a work plan designed to protect and promote the natural, cultural and recreational resources of the South Mountain landscape, a region that covers portions of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin and York Counties. The funding will also help support a competitive Mini-Grant Program which will enable eligible local partner organizations to receive Mini-Grants to support a variety of projects on the ground.



ADVOCACY

HIKE THE HILL

Each year, we join other national scenic and historic trail representatives to advocate for land acquisition funding and sound trail-related policies. In 2014, we visited 36 Congressional offices and senior agency staff to offer a briefing about Appalachian Trail (A.T.) issues as well as promote a collaborative trail landscape protection proposal.

Several priority tracts were highly ranked in the President's budget and were ultimately included in the Appropriation Bill. Additionally, our Senior Director of Conservation, Laura Belleville, participated in a Senate briefing on the economic impact of trails. Several projects that we have advocated for in the past that received funding were acquired and protected in 2014, including a 260-acre tract in Virginia, three separate tracts in Tennessee totaling nearly 200 acres, and a 77-acre tract in North Carolina.

PROJECTS FUNDED:

260

Acres Protected
in Virginia

200

Acres Protected
in Tennessee

77

Acres Protected
in North Carolina



Key ATC staff attend Hike the Hill in Washington, D.C. to advocate for land acquisition funding.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Our challenges extend to the habitats and larger landscape surrounding the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) footpath. Invasive species, loss of important habitat, and possible effects of climate change are all issues that we are actively monitoring and implementing management strategies to mitigate.

In 2014, volunteer focused management was on the rise with a record number of clubs, schools and organizations becoming involved with invasive removal efforts along the Trail. The A.T. Seasons Phenology Monitoring project also continued to build capacity, bringing on new partners and engaging new audiences. While our staff and volunteers continued to collect valuable inventory and monitoring data for both rare and invasive plant species, we were also able to use previously collected data to highlight key restoration needs along the A.T. and focus management efforts towards desired conditions.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:



Added 16 new phenology monitoring plots



Held six training workshops Trail-wide on rare plant monitoring protocols



Trained 186 citizen-scientists in the A.T. Seasons monitoring protocol



Received 93 rare plant monitoring reports

CITIZEN-SCIENTISTS is defined as *scientific work undertaken by volunteers, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions*. Citizen scientists can support professional researchers in a lot of ways — by submitting data, sharing experiences or spreading valuable information. Scientists benefit from having data to analyze and a pool of volunteers willing to help.



PHOTO BY MARIAN ORLOUSKY

HUBBARD BROOK NATURAL HERITAGE AREA In 2014, leadership from the Appalachian Mountain Club — Berkshire Chapter Appalachian Trail Committee worked with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program to plan and execute a habitat restoration project at the Hubbard Brook Natural Heritage Area in Massachusetts. Invasive woody growth had been shading out and over-competing with the state-listed endangered plants at the site. Through work with a contract arborist, the area was successfully managed in order to maintain the critical open and early successional habitat required by the rare species.

Hubbard Brook Natural Heritage Area

LAND MANAGEMENT

Managing our own land interests continued to be a high priority as we worked with technical experts on our Stewardship Council to initiate the development of compliance procedures for more effective management of our properties and easements. We evaluated the opportunity to transfer several of these parcels to conservation partners, which furthers their land protection goals while still protecting the Appalachian Trail.



30

Managed Properties

58

Managed Easements

TRAIL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Our goal is to continue to grow and support Appalachian Trail (A.T.) maintainers, recognizing that we need to be more deliberate in engaging the next generation and more diverse audiences. Towards this end, we are pleased that a significant number of volunteer seasonal crew members are under 25 years old and new to trail work. This is step in the right direction. We are very eager to do even more to engage younger participants.

TRAIL CREWS

Eight Appalachian Trail (A.T.) Crews tackle large-scale projects such as Trail relocations and rehabilitation as well as bridge and shelter construction. The mostly all-volunteer crews are active from May through October each year on projects from Maine to Georgia. Trail Crew projects, which may last for a week or more, are planned and completed in cooperation with A.T. maintaining clubs and with funding provided by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

Additionally, the ATC supports planning by six or more youth-crew programs annually including the Maine Conservation Corps, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Greenagers Program (Mass.), the NY-NJ Trail Conference's Taconic AmeriCorps Crew in Fahnstock and Hudson Highlands State Parks, and National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) in Virginia as well as VISTA volunteers working full-time in the A.T. Communities of Asheville, N.C., Damascus, Va., and Rangeley and Millinocket, in Maine.

Konnarock Volunteer Trail Crew builds new tread along the A.T.



KONNAROCK VOLUNTEER TRAIL CREW

2014 WAS A LANDMARK YEAR FOR ACHIEVING ALL THREE GOALS:

1. Complete important rehab and relocation projects by building durable, sustainable Trail
2. Provide top-notch skills training to support the year-round efforts of Trail Club volunteers
3. Engage new volunteers who would not otherwise have the opportunity to work on the Appalachian Trail

New Sidehill Constructed	7,842 feet
Machine-dug Sidehill Completed	14,726 feet
Total New Tread (Sidehill-from-scratch plus machine-dug Trail finished)	22,568 feet (4.3 miles)
Steps built (rock and log)	123
Waterbars (rock and log)	19
Cribbing (rock and log)	649 cubic feet

Konnarock Volunteer Trail Crew works to complete rehab and relocation projects.



"KONNAROCK WAS SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE. THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL ALLOWED ME TO CONNECT WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN A WAY I NEVER HAVE, AND IT TAUGHT ME THAT HUMANS CAN LIVE AND PLAY ALONGSIDE A NATURAL LANDSCAPE WITHOUT DEGRADING ITS BEAUTY AND HEALTH. YOU CAN ABSOLUTELY COUNT ON SEEING ME AGAIN!"

— TAYLOR FLAMONT, VOLUNTEER, 19 YEARS OLD

PHOTO BY MARIAN ORLOUSKY

BOUNDARY MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

The purpose of our Boundary Program is to protect the public's investment in the lands that surround the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). To ensure the continued protection of the Trail corridor, volunteers from A.T. maintaining clubs work with us to monitor and maintain more than 1,500 miles of the corridor's exterior boundary, from Tennessee to Maine.

In 2014, volunteers and staff logged 3,529 survey monuments over the course of monitoring 270 miles and maintaining 183 miles of surveyed boundary lines. In addition to the 24 maintaining clubs responsible for monitoring land purchased for the protection of the A.T. by the National Park Service, AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps and Maine Conservation Corps members contributed to the effort. For the fourth consecutive year, American Hiking Society volunteers also vacationed on the A.T. corridor in Maine and performed much needed maintenance of boundary lines there.

Throughout the Trail corridor, monitors identified 124 new encroachments in 2014. Illegal hunting, unauthorized off-road vehicle use, dumping, landscaping, abandoned property, rogue side trails and graffiti are growing threats to the integrity of the Trail corridor and the A.T. experience. Our partners continue to work closely with Trail neighbors to mitigate these encroachments. By the close of 2014, 15 percent of new encroachments were already mitigated.

The ATC summer interns perform boundary work near Round Hill, VA.

Logged Survey Monuments: **3,529**

Monitored Miles: **270**

Maintained Miles: **183**

Identified New Encroachments: **124**



PHOTO BY VINCENT JUAREZ

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY™ PROGRAM

The Appalachian Trail Community™ program is designed to recognize communities that promote and protect the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Towns, counties, and communities along the A.T.'s corridor are considered assets by all that use the A.T., and many of these communities act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail. The program serves to assist communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation, while preserving and protecting the A.T.

DESIGNATION AS AN APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY™ AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS AIMED TO:

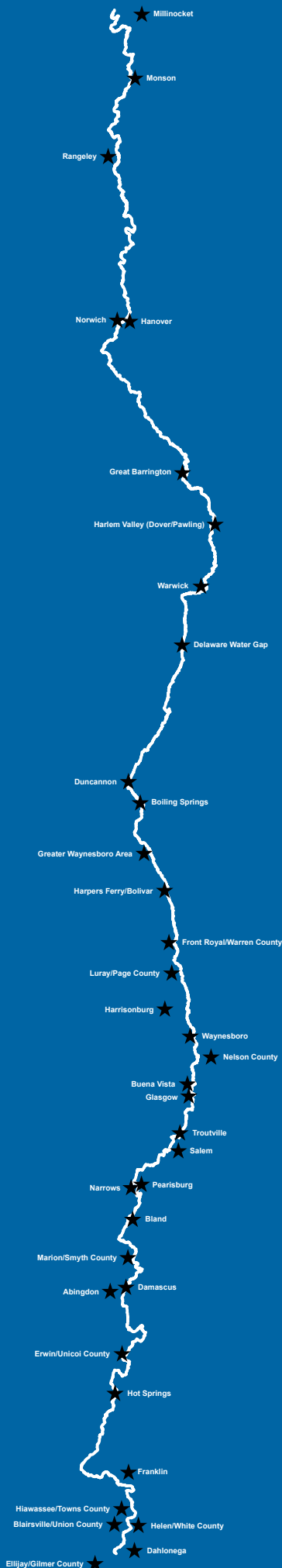
- 1 Engage community citizens, Trail visitors and stewards
- 2 Recognize and thank communities for their service to the Trail and hikers
- 3 Act as a catalyst for enhancing sustainable economic development
- 4 Aid local municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning
- 5 Help local community members see the Trail as a resource and asset



Top: Girl Scouts learn more about the A.T. and the ATC; Bottom: The community of Delaware Water Gap, PA gathers for a designation ceremony to celebrate its new A.T. community status.

"WE WANT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THREATS THERE ARE TO THE TRAIL; WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN HELPING MITIGATE THESE THREATS."

— JOHN ROBBINS, LURAY/PAGE COUNTY VA.



35 COMMUNITY PARTNERS



NEW ENGLAND REGION

Millinocket	ME
Monson	ME
Rangeley	ME
Norwich	VT
Hanover	NH
Great Barrington	MA

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Harlem Valley (Dover/Pawling)	NY
Warwick	NY
Delaware Water Gap	PA
Duncannon	PA
Boiling Springs	PA
Greater Waynesboro Area	PA
Harpers Ferry/Bolivar	WV
Front Royal/Warren County	VA
Luray/Page County	VA
Harrisonburg	VA
Waynesboro	VA

SOUTHWEST & CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGION

Nelson County	VA
Buena Vista	VA
Glasgow	VA
Troutville	VA
Pearisburg	VA
Narrows	VA
Marion/Smyth County	VA
Bland	VA
Damascus	VA
Abingdon	VA

SOUTHERN REGION

Erwin/Unicoi County	TN
Hot Springs	NC
Franklin	NC
Hiawassee/Towns County	GA
Blairsville/Union County	GA
Helen/White County	GA
Dahlonega	GA
Ellijay/Gilmer County	GA

APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY™ DOI/VISTA

Through the Department of Interior, the National Park Service supports several AmeriCorps VISTA positions within our organization.

VISTA was founded in 1965 as a national service program to fight poverty in America. These individuals will help us focus on rural Appalachian Trail (A.T.) communities to aid in sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation while preserving and protecting the A.T.

MEET BRADY ADCOCK,

THE VISTA VOLUNTEER IN
DAMASCUS, VA.

HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Advocating in Washington, D.C.
with Outdoor Alliance for Kids

Creating the Community Pathway
Project which will provide funding
to our organization, the community,
and the Mount Rogers Appalachian
Trail Club

Facilitating a Healthy Living initiative
which includes a series of workshops
on the benefits of hiking and nutrition,
plus easy, accessible hikes and a
challenge hike to culminate in a Family
Hiking Day event in Mount Rogers

Leading an Outdoor Nation Summit,
bringing together students from
multiple colleges to discuss options
to overcome barriers of getting
youth outside

Supporting many other local events
and initiatives aiding the growth of
outdoor recreation in the region



APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY™ SUPPORTERS

We now have 40 Appalachian Trail™ Community Supporters! These businesses provide support to the hiking community and the A.T., as well as our organization. They also work to build public awareness about the significant resources and economic opportunities the A.T. brings to local communities.

NEW TRAIL KIOSKS IN A.T. COMMUNITIES

The Virginia Appalachian Trail Communities of Buena Vista and Troutville collaborated with their local Trail clubs, agency partners, and businesses to create attractive, informative new kiosks. The kiosks present information hikers need to have a safe and responsible journey, as well as highlight the services and hospitality they will find in the nearby community.



YOUTH AND EDUCATION

TRAIL TO EVERY CLASSROOM PROGRAM

In its 9th year, the Trail to Every Classroom (TTEC) program explored new strategies. The TTEC program team added three new workshop models:

1. To build new partnerships: the summer workshop was designed to keep alumni teachers engaged by providing networking opportunities. This workshop was attended by teams of new and alumni teachers and community members from five Trail communities with strong TTEC programs.

2. To bring TTEC to the school-wide level: the TTEC Immersion workshop was designed to explore in-service training with an entire school's faculty.

3. To give TTEC teachers exciting new tools: the Building Gardens for Pollinators and Monarchs workshop focused on building gardens for phenology and Monarch monitoring at schools. Teachers walked away with resources to build their own gardens, as well as set up a garden site and phenology site along the A.T.



PHOTO BY: ALISON SAEGER PANIK

TTEC STUDENTS TAKE ON THE ISSUE OF GRAFFITI

When Alison Saeger Panik's 5th graders hiked the Appalachian Trail near their school in Emmaus, PA, they were upset to find spray-painted graffiti on the rocks at Bake Oven Knob. They launched a campaign called "Leave No Trace on the Boulder Face": A scientific exploration of different methods of removing graffiti, partnered with an awareness campaign to teach their whole school about vandalism.

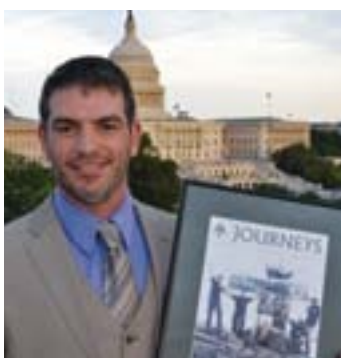
EVENTS

LEADERS IN CONSERVATION AWARDS GALA

In the spring, we hosted our fifth annual Leaders in Conservation Awards Gala in Washington, D.C., where we honored Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell with the Vanguard Award for her notable advocacy for national parks, national scenic trails, wilderness areas and the benefits of outdoor recreation.

Sean Gobin also received our Special Achievement Award for his innovation, commitment and success in creating Warrior Hike's "Walk Off The War," a long-distance hiking opportunity for veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Senator Richard Burr and Congressman David Price, both from North Carolina received our congressional leadership award for their commitment to the preservation of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.).



Ron Tipton, the ATC's Executive Director/CEO (left) and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell; Sean Gobin, co-founder of Warrior Hike.

WEEKEND FOR WILDERNESS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

Roanoke's Weekend for Wilderness, hosted by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and other partners, took place September 25 to 27 throughout the Roanoke River Valley in Virginia. The event featured a full schedule of opportunities to explore, give back and learn about the past, present and future of Wilderness preservation.



In 1964, the Wilderness Act ensured that America's wild places would be preserved for future generations, and Wilderness has been called America's enduring resource. Roanoke, nestled among numerous federally designated Wilderness areas, was the perfect setting to celebrate the great achievements of the Wilderness Act 50 years after it was signed into law.



4TH ANNUAL FAMILY HIKING DAY

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), along with our Appalachian Trail (A.T.) Community™ partners and 31 Trail maintaining clubs, invited families to take a hike on the A.T. during our fourth annual Family Hiking Day. Held trail-wide on National Public Lands Day, Family Hiking Day is a program developed by the ATC to introduce and welcome families to the A.T. and all of the benefits that come from spending time outdoors.

Seventeen different hikes were led as part of this annual event. Resources were also provided for leaders which included a planning guide, posters, and a webinar featuring special guest author, Jeff Alt.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In October, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) traveled to five different cities on the east coast for our annual membership drive. This fundraiser proved to be very successful, generating 1,600 new supporters and raising more than \$60,000.

The event showcased the never-before-seen film "The Appalachian Trail: An American Legacy," a film produced and directed by Sam Henegar. The film told the rich history of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.), taking viewers back to a time before the Trail even existed, highlighting how it came to become the iconic footpath it is today.



In addition to the film, attendees were also able to hear from featured speakers like Guy Gardner, a retired NASA astronaut and 2014 thru-hiker; Jesse Swensgard, a U.S. Air Force veteran and "Walk Off the War" participant; Pam Underhill, retired superintendent of the A.T. Park Office; Hayne Hipp, who finished section hiking at the age of 73; and Susan Powell, a speed and ultra light backpacking expert.

1,600 
NEW MEMBERS

\$60,000
RAISED

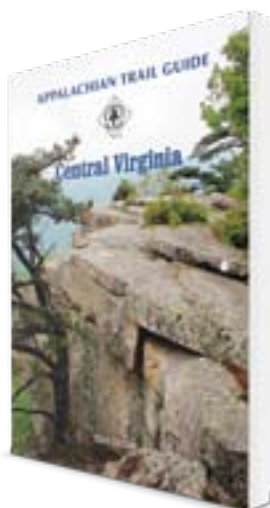
PUBLICATIONS

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BOOK OF PROFILES

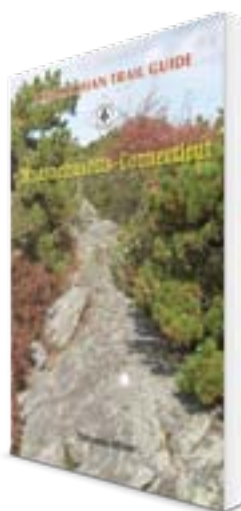
The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) published the *Appalachian Trail Book of Profiles*, the first compilation of elevation profiles of the entire Appalachian Trail (A.T.) in 96 segments — perforated for easy removal of just the sections needed for a particular hike.



NEW EDITIONS RELEASED



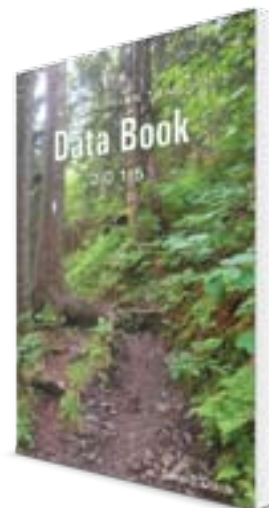
**Central
Virginia Guide**



**Massachusetts–
Connecticut Guide**



**A.T. Thru-Hikers'
Companion Guide**

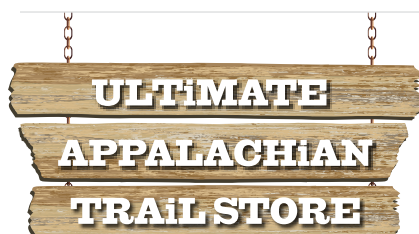


**Appalachian Trail
Data Book**



COPUBLISHED WORK

2015 Appalachian Trail Conservancy Calendar



Other products brought into the Ultimate Appalachian Trail Store® included a new ATC Swiss Army knife, biographies of Earl Shaffer and Grandma Gatewood, a custom-made Katahdin glass Christmas ornament, new mugs, new board games, and the acclaimed documentary, “The Appalachian Trail: An American Legacy.”



VOLUNTEERS

TRAIL MAINTAINING CLUBS

We work with 31 Trail maintaining clubs to manage the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Volunteers from those clubs are responsible for most of the day-to-day work of keeping the A.T. open. In addition to Trail maintenance, club volunteers build and repair shelters and other structures, monitor and protect the Trail corridor, monitor and manage rare plants and invasive species, develop management plans for their Trail sections, participate in our regional partnership committees, and participate and support outreach and education programs. The ATC also coordinates volunteer training, and in 2014 hosted the Volunteer Leadership meeting. We are thankful for our volunteers — some of the most dedicated friends and supporters to the A.T.

31 TRAIL MAINTAINING CLUBS:

Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Appalachian Mountain Club
Randolph Mountain Club
Dartmouth Outing Club
Green Mountain Club
AMC - Berkshire Chapter
AMC - Connecticut Chapter
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Wilmington Trail Club
Baton Hiking Club
AMC - Delaware Valley Chapter
Philadelphia Trail Club
Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club
Allentown Hiking Club
Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club
York Hiking Club

Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club
Mountain Club of Maryland
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club
Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club
Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club
Outdoor Club at Virginia Tech
Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club
Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers
Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club
Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club
Carolina Mountain Club
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club
Nantahala Hiking Club
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club

5,617 
VOLUNTEERS

241,936 
HOURS DONATED
(the equivalent of 132 full-time employees)



*Audrey Peterman
presents at the
volunteer leadership
meeting, speaking
on why the A.T. needs
more diversity.*

PHOTO BY LAURIE POTTEIGER

RAY BRACONE AND THE BULLS BRIDGE TASK FORCE

Bulls Bridge Task Force volunteers, led by Ray Bracone, have played a big role in stopping misuse and resource damage along the Housatonic River in Kent, CT.

After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, Ray operated heavy equipment during recovery efforts at Ground Zero. A lifelong hiker, the peaceful and scenic Bulls Bridge area along the Housatonic River was where he went on weekends to clear his head and decompress from that difficult work.



But, in recent years increasing numbers of non-hikers (sometimes arriving by tour bus) began congregating in the fragile area on summer weekends, picnicking, fishing, swimming, building campfires, and leaving mountains of trash behind.

Ray started cleaning up trash and talking to visitors. He met National Park Service Chief Ranger Todd Remaley at the site, who encouraged his involvement with the Trails Committee of the AMC Connecticut Chapter, the local Appalachian Trail (A.T.) maintaining club. As the Task Force was formed, Ray enthusiastically recruited family, friends, and neighbors to join in the endeavor.

"A bilingual educational effort, some redesigning of the parking and foot travel areas, increased enforcement, and a lot of hard work has created a greatly enhanced and safer visitor experience," reported Ranger Remaley. "While there is a need for continued management at the site, a sense of normalcy and calm has returned. One local resident shared that it was like having an old friend back again."

AGENCIES & PARTNERS

We uphold the highest standards for the protection and management of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) to ensure that it can be shared and enjoyed well into the future.

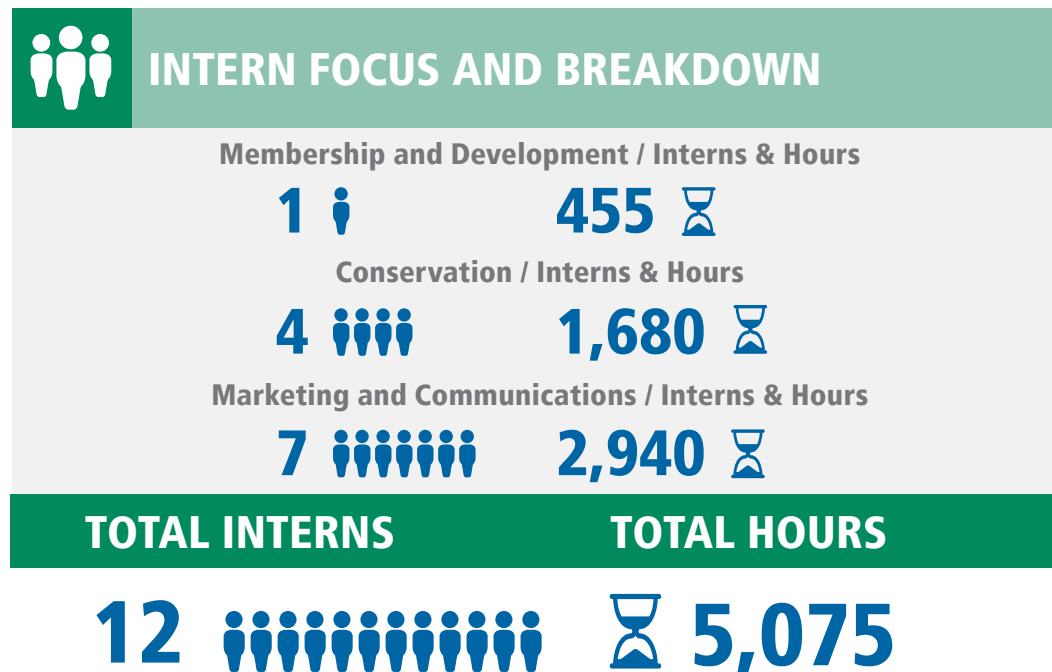
We have a unique cooperative-management partnership with the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service at national, regional, and district levels, a variety of agencies in 14 states, a few other federal agencies, and even some county and town agencies.

It is with these partners, in combination with our vast volunteer network, that we are able to maintain and protect this iconic Trail.



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our internship program not only inspires the next generation of Trail stewards, but it also provides students the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a real world environment that will help them in their future careers. We are grateful for our interns and the support they have provided to us and the Appalachian Trail.



SRI VIDYA BULUSU MARKET RESEARCH INTERN

Vidya served as our summer Market Research Intern to help us better understand and expand our outreach efforts to include more diverse and younger audiences on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). She was integral in analyzing and reporting findings on current visitor demographics of the Trail and the National Parks Units along the Trail. She collected research data and conducted interviews with key constituents to better understand how youth and diverse groups are currently interacting with the outdoors and what barriers exist.

Vidya is originally from Hyderabad, India, and earned a M.A. in Engineering Management at Duke University. She was selected through the Stanback Internship Program, a program that provides Duke students with significant work experience in energy, conservation, advocacy, policy, research, and applied resource management.



PHOTO BY VINCENT JUAREZ

STAFF



Our staff is made up of only the most talented and passionate people. Every day we get to make a difference in the world by doing a job we love — protecting the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). This year we were recognized as one of *Outside's* Best Places to Work.

51

Full-Time

2

Part-Time

25

Seasonal



FULL TIME DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWN

Conservation

28

Membership
& Development

6

Finance
& Administration

6

Marketing &
Communications

5

Publishing & Fulfillment

4

Executive

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JOSH KLOEHN

FIELD TECHNICIAN

AVERAGE DAY: As a field technician, Josh completes many different tasks. He organizes chainsaw and crosscut certification classes for clubs with the U.S. Forest Service, helps club volunteers become certified sawyers, purchases tools and gear for the Konnarock Trail Crew, leads invasive removal control days with Trail maintaining clubs, trains club volunteers on monitoring & maintaining the A.T. corridor, and assists new rare plant monitors on their first monitoring visit in the field.

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB: Having worked on the Trail and as a crew leader, Josh loves being involved with the Konnarock Trail Crew program. He finds that being around the tools, training crew staff, and meeting and thanking volunteers who come from all over the world very rewarding. He also loves getting out with the crew to complete projects and do the dirty work.

SPARE TIME: Josh is enjoying getting to know Roanoke on his new bike while continuing to explore the awesome hikes, views, and vistas of Southwest and Central Virginia. Every once in a while, he gets to gobble up a sci-fi novel.



VICKI BRUST

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

AVERAGE DAY: Vicki's average day is very busy—the finance department never runs out of work! She also helps staff achieve those day-to-day tasks: she teaches people to use the postage machine, the printer, the email capabilities on the printer, and also helps out whenever and wherever she is able.



FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB: Vicki loves solving problems, whether it's a copier jam, the postage machine, or an overcharge or undercharge on an invoice. Most of all, though, she loves the people she works with — she sees that they are dedicated and hardworking and fun to be around.

SPARE TIME: It's just Vicki and her little dog Lizzy, so there is a lot for her to do and maintain on the home front. She takes care of the grass, hedges and gardening by herself, and if there's any downtime, she takes advantage of it and rests. She is also a pet portraitist and on occasion makes some money at it!

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Marcia Fairweather is an adventurer at heart and participates in many outdoor activities and programs. After visiting our headquarters during a rafting trip to Harpers Ferry, W.V. in 1993, she caught the bug to hike the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). She completed the entire Trail as a section hiker in August of 2008. She has initiated A.T. hikes for others as part of a mission to get as many people to hike at least 10 miles of the Trail in every state through her A.T. in Every State program (ATIES). As an avid Girl Scout, she was introduced to nature and the outdoors in her youth and has provided continued support as an adult leader and trainer. She plans outdoor adventure excursions and local activities through her Fresco Adventures program for adults and youth.

She is a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and participates in activities of other outdoor related clubs, and is on the board of directors of Washington Women Outdoors. Her experience in information technology, project management, and as a consultant in the business and real estate development industry provides professional experience to assist in the many development efforts required by the ATC.



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Our Advisory Circle is a diverse group of individuals who provide thoughtful leadership, expertise, and significant outreach on behalf of the organization in order to fulfill our mission.

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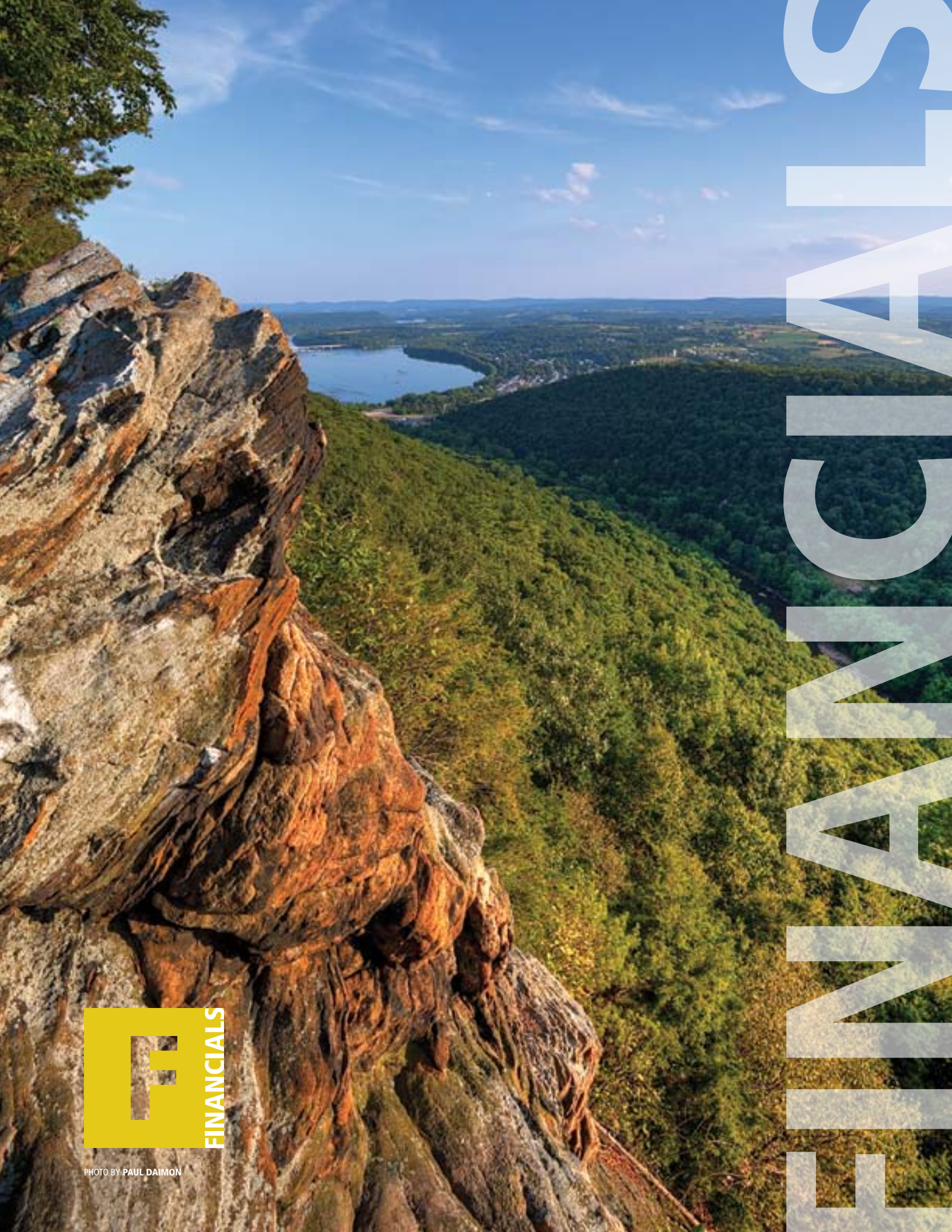
The Stewardship Council oversees the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) policy development and programs related to stewardship of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) and surrounding lands. The Council advises the ATC's conservation program on overall strategic direction and recommends policy to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Council serves as the interface among the Regional Partnership Committees, Trail clubs, the ATC staff, agency partners, and the Board of Directors.



Tom Banks educates the public about Leave No Trace™ principles.

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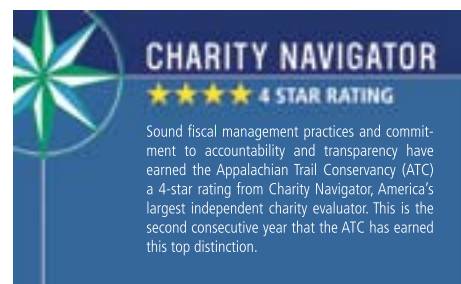
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2014 WAS A YEAR THAT ALLOWED THE APPALACHIAN

Trail Conservancy (ATC) to celebrate many successes, including the approval by our Board of Directors of our five-year Strategic Plan. The plan is an ambitious one and will require that we invest some of our endowment resources over the next five years. However, the Board of Directors and Senior Management team at the ATC are confident this plan will not only allow us to focus our resources in the areas where we need to, but also help us to grow financially so that the beloved Appalachian Trail will be protected for generations to come.

Overall, the ATC increased its net assets by \$1,256,370 in 2014. This increase was due primarily to contributions of \$1,360,000 to our David N. Startzell Stewardship fund. The Life Membership fund and the Monitoring fund also saw small increases to net assets due to investments. All other funds saw a decrease in net assets. The General fund decreased approximately \$72,000, the Land Acquisition fund was reduced by about \$63,000, and the annuity fund saw a small decrease of approximately \$3,000.

Although the ATC had planned on ending the year with a balanced budget, we realized early in 2014 we needed more support in our Executive and Development departments. Therefore, we asked the Board to increase capacity in those two departments, and as a result, we ended the year with a small deficit of \$72,000. We believe that the increased capacity in those areas is critical in helping us meet our Strategic Plan goals.



The 2014 financial statements were audited by Yount, Hyde, and Barbour, P.C. of Winchester, VA. In the opinion of YHB, the ATC's 2014 financial statements present fairly the financial position of the ATC in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

For more information or copies of the 2014 audited financials, visit www.appalachiantrail.org/financials.

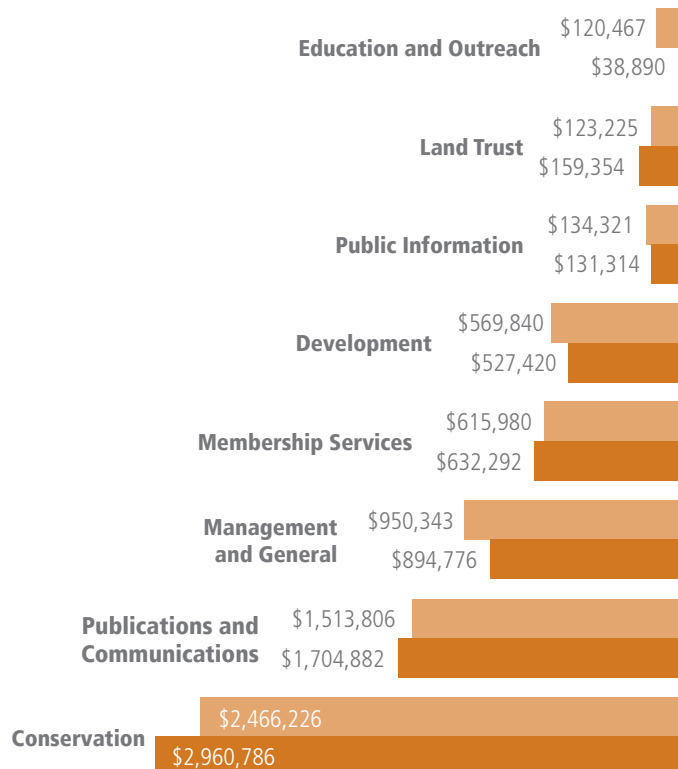
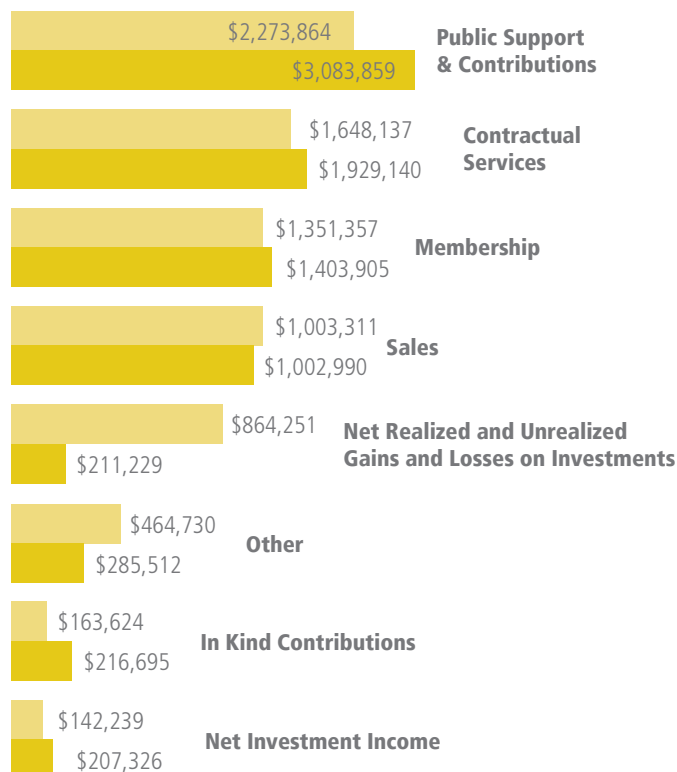
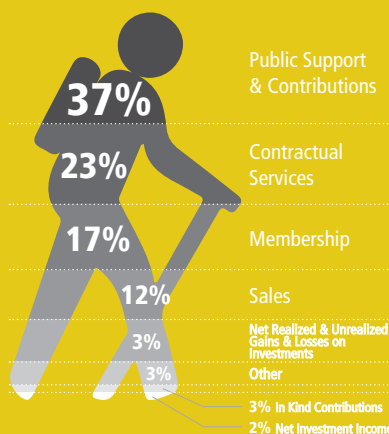
REVENUES ■ 2013 ■ 2014

\$8,340,656

2014 TOTAL REVENUES

\$7,911,513

2013 TOTAL REVENUES



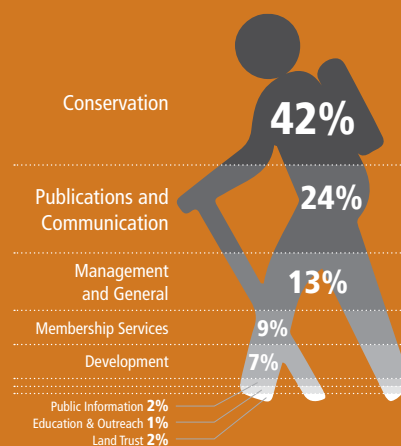
EXPENSES ■ 2013 ■ 2014

\$7,049,714

2014 TOTAL EXPENSES

\$6,494,208

2013 TOTAL EXPENSES



Actuarial Adjustment: 2013: **\$28,476** 2014: **\$34,572**

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:

2013: **\$1,388,829** 2014: **\$1,256,370**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	LAND ACQUISITION FUND	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	MONITORING FUND	DAVID N. STARTZELL STEWARDSHIP FUND	ANNUITY FUND	TOTAL FUNDS
Current Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$706,209	\$132,902	\$269,827	\$17,976	\$465,380	\$72,537	\$1,664,831
Accounts receivable, net	\$1,476,254	\$2,073	\$630	--	--	\$50	\$1,479,007
Pledges receivable	\$136,160	--	--	--	--	--	\$136,160
Interfund receivables	\$203,482	\$782,000	\$286,434	\$57,947	--	\$121,949	\$1,451,812
Inventory	\$373,502	--	--	--	--	--	\$373,502
Prepaid expenses	\$67,623	--	--	--	--	--	\$67,623
Total current assets	\$2,963,230	\$916,975	\$556,891	\$75,923	\$465,380	\$194,536	\$5,172,935
Non-Current Assets							
Assets restricted for long-term purposes	--	\$148,569	\$1,823,022	\$146,967	\$5,919,170	\$905,866	\$8,943,594
Property and equipment, net	\$396,400	\$547,249	--	--	--	--	\$943,649
Other assets, deposits	\$5,267	--	--	--	--	--	\$5,267
Land held in conservancy	--	\$2,150,880	--	--	--	--	\$2,150,880
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,364,897	\$3,763,673	\$2,379,913	\$222,890	\$6,384,550	\$1,100,402	\$17,216,325
Liabilities and Net Assets							
Current Liabilities and Deferred Revenues							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$492,115	--	--	--	--	\$1,750	\$493,865
Deferred revenues	\$1,145,771	--	--	--	--	--	\$1,145,771
Interfund payables	--	--	--	--	\$1,451,812	--	\$1,451,812
Current maturities of long term debt	\$4,289	--	--	--	--	--	\$4,289
Current maturities of annuities payable	--	--	--	--	--	\$391	\$391
Total current liabilities and deferred revenues	\$1,642,175	--	--	--	\$1,451,812	\$2,141	\$3,096,128
Long-Term Liabilities							
Long term debt	\$12,510	--	--	--	--	--	\$12,510
Annuities payable, less current maturities	\$4,425	--	--	--	--	\$330,489	\$334,914
Total liabilities and deferred revenues	\$1,659,110	--	--	--	\$1,451,812	\$332,630	\$3,443,552
Net Assets							
Unrestricted	\$1,106,231	--	--	--	\$2,730,805	\$515,947	\$4,352,983
Temporarily restricted	\$599,556	\$3,207,372	--	\$222,890	\$10,782	\$251,825	\$4,292,425
Permanently restricted	--	\$556,301	\$2,379,913	--	\$2,191,151	--	\$5,127,365
Total net assets	\$1,705,787	\$3,763,673	\$2,379,913	\$222,890	\$4,932,738	\$767,772	\$13,772,773
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$3,364,897	\$3,763,673	\$2,379,913	\$222,890	\$6,384,550	\$1,100,402	\$17,216,325



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We are the beneficiary of philanthropic contributions from a wide variety of companies and company foundations from the outdoor industry and beyond. These companies understand the importance and value in supporting our efforts in protecting a Trail that is recognized worldwide as one of North America's most treasured spaces.

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In 2014, the international law firm Squire Patton Boggs was created through the merger of two venerable firms, Patton Boggs and Squire Sanders. The merger could have meant a great loss for us as Patton Boggs had provided pro bono legal services to the ATC for more than a decade. We were very pleased to learn that the newly combined firm would keep the existing relationship with the ATC.

The firm's services provide us with everything from the mundane contract law oversight to complicated estate trust litigation. We couldn't do our work as effectively as we do without Squire Patton Boggs, and we couldn't do it to the extent that we do without the generosity and worldwide reach of their services.

Over the last decade, Squire Patton Boggs has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of pro bono service to the ATC. Firm partner Peter Gould is our primary contact and is always very responsive and quickly reaches out to his colleagues for assistance in their area of expertise. Peter has also volunteered his services on our nominating committee for our Board of Directors.

Thank you Squire Patton Boggs.



THE DORR FOUNDATION

WHITE LINES AND WHITE BLAZES UNITE FOR A COMMON PURPOSE

In 2014, we received a second significant grant from the Dorr Foundation. The Foundation, founded in 1940 by the metallurgical engineer John V.N. Dorr, is best known for researching and promoting the safety implications of the now ubiquitous white stripe along the shoulders of roadways. The white stripe has significantly reduced the incidence of both head-on collisions caused by hugging the centerline and running off the road caused by miscalculating the road shoulder.

Dorr Foundation grants support our Trail to Every Classroom Program (TTEC), which provides K-12 educators with tools and training for place-based education and service-learning on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Launched in 2006, the program gives teachers new tools with which to engage young people in nature and in their local community. Thanks to Dorr, we were able to train an additional 100 teachers in the TTEC curriculum in 2014.

We appreciate Dorr Foundation's support for today's nature-deprived students. The majority of drivers today likely do not remember when the white shoulder line wasn't there — and in a few years, we hope most students do not remember when nature wasn't a part of their classroom.



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Leadership Circle members are champions of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). They support our core programs and ongoing commitment to preserve and manage the Trail — ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be shared and enjoyed today, tomorrow and for centuries to come.

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LENNY BERNSTEIN

Lenny Bernstein has been a devoted supporter in many different ways since 1990. Lenny has served on our Stewardship Council and our Board of Directors, and in recent years, he has given major gifts toward renovation of our headquarters in Harpers Ferry, W.V., which allowed us to increase our building's energy efficiency. He also made a significant pledge toward our endowment, and most recently, he joined our new Advisory Circle. Lenny is an advocate for the Appalachian Trail and serves as president of the Carolina Mountain Club and was a North Carolina trail maintainer.

His professional experience is also of benefit to us. Lenny is a nationally recognized expert on climate change and served as an author on the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third and Fourth Assessment Reports. For this work, he was recognized as contributing to the IPCC sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

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