



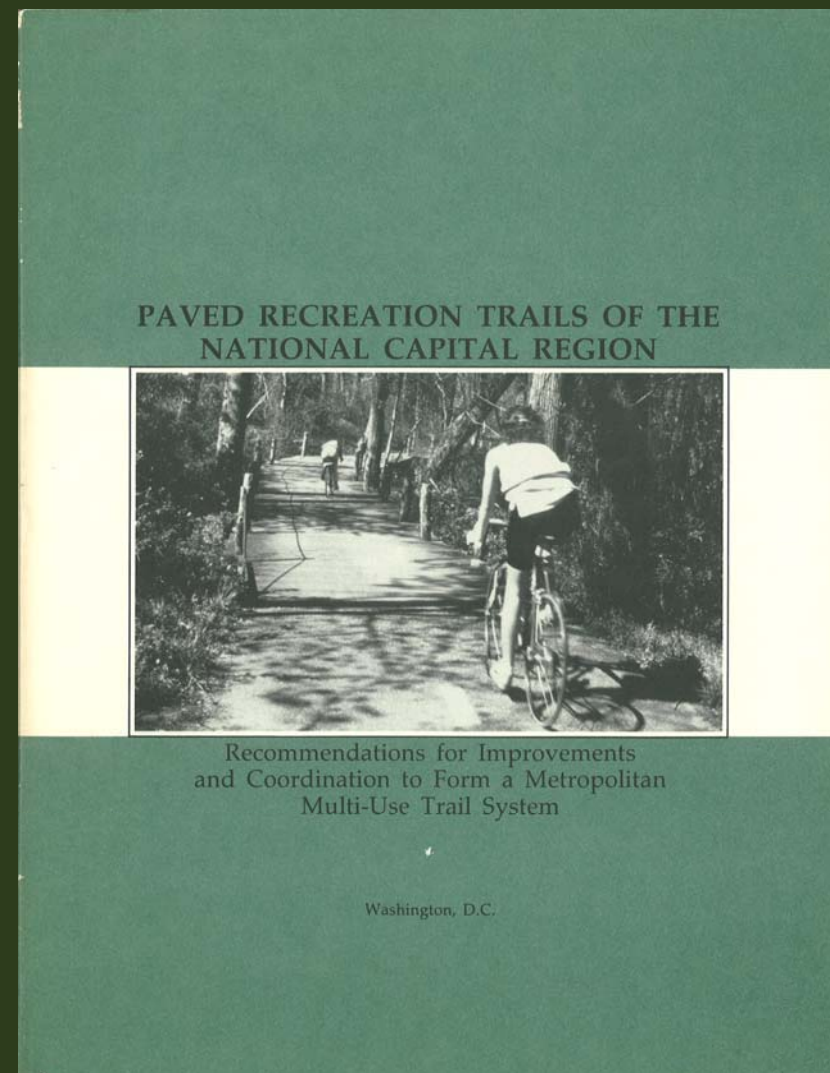
# Planning for NPS Paved Recreation Trails of the National Capital Region

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## 1990 Paved Recreation Trails of the National Capital Region

- NPS completed a paved trail study that described the existing conditions of many NPS, local government and regional trails
- Study was prompted by an increase in demands for paved trails for jogging, walking and biking and NPS opportunities to increase the trail network





## 1990 Paved Recreation Trails of the National Capital Region



*Overflow traffic from congested trails creates new trails, resulting in a natural separation of users and a lessening of conflicts. Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, near Calvert bridge.*

- Objectives of the study:
  - Improve trail continuity and consistency
  - Promote visitor safety
  - Reduce conflicts between users
  - Foster inter-agency cooperation
  - Seek funding to rehabilitate and sustain trails

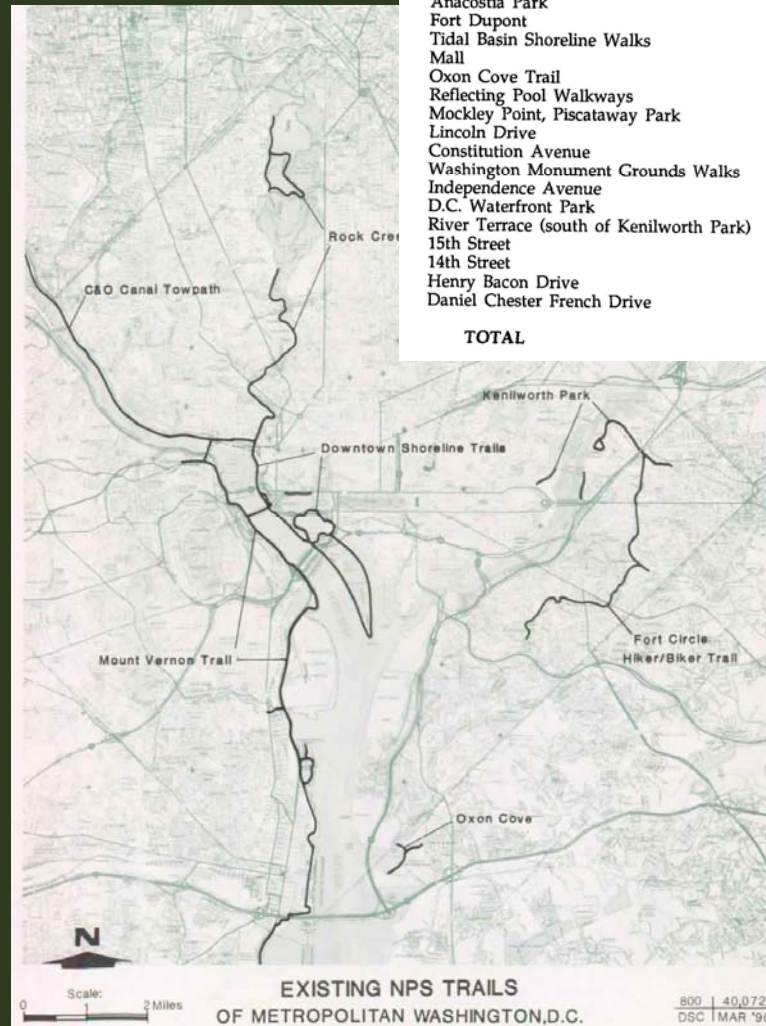


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## Existing Conditions – NPS trails

- NPS had 75.7 miles of paved trail
- Numerous local and regional trails
- Study concluded that the condition of trails were marginal and that trails did not create a system
- Study evaluated each trail and identified all existing problems

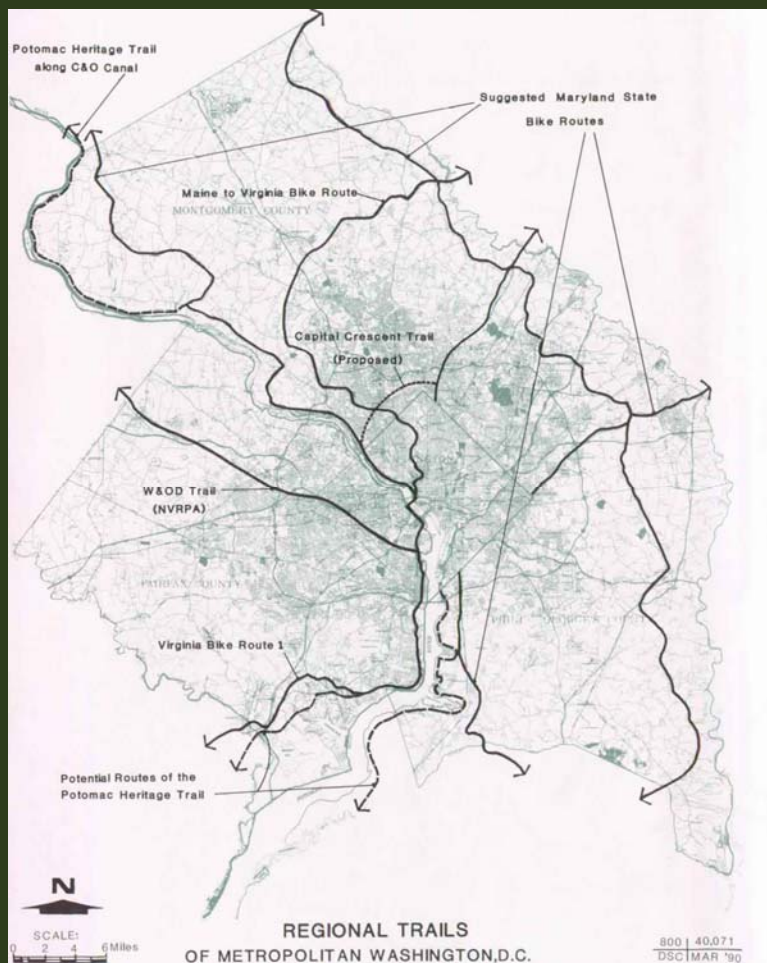
Trail Name	Length in Miles	Park
Mount Vernon Trail	18.5	GWMP
C & O Canal Towpath		
(Georgetown to Great Falls)	14.0	CHOH
Rock Creek Park trails	8.5	ROCR
Fort Circle Hiker/Biker Trail	7.5	NACE
East Potomac Park Shoreline	4.7	NACC
Potomac Park Shoreline	2.6	NACC
Kenilworth Park	2.6	NACC
Anacostia Park	2.3	NACE
Fort Dupont	2.0	NACE
Tidal Basin Shoreline Walks	2.0	NACC
Mall	1.8	NACC
Oxon Cove Trail	1.5	NACE
Reflecting Pool Walkways	1.0	NACC
Mockley Point, Piscataway Park	1.0	NACE
Lincoln Drive	0.9	NACC
Constitution Avenue	0.9	NACC
Washington Monument Grounds Walks	0.9	NACC
Independence Avenue	0.8	NACC
D.C. Waterfront Park	0.7	NACC
River Terrace (south of Kenilworth Park)	0.5	NACE
15th Street	0.5	NACC
14th Street	0.2	NACC
Henry Bacon Drive	0.2	NACC
Daniel Chester French Drive	0.1	NACC
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75.7 miles</b>	







## 1990 Paved Recreation Trails of the National Capital Region Existing Conditions – Local Trails



- Evaluated trails within Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery and PG Counties as well as within the District of Columbia
- In addition to the local jurisdictions, the study evaluated regional trails that crossed jurisdictions
- Purpose was to evaluate how NPS integrated with other trails and to determine where gaps existed

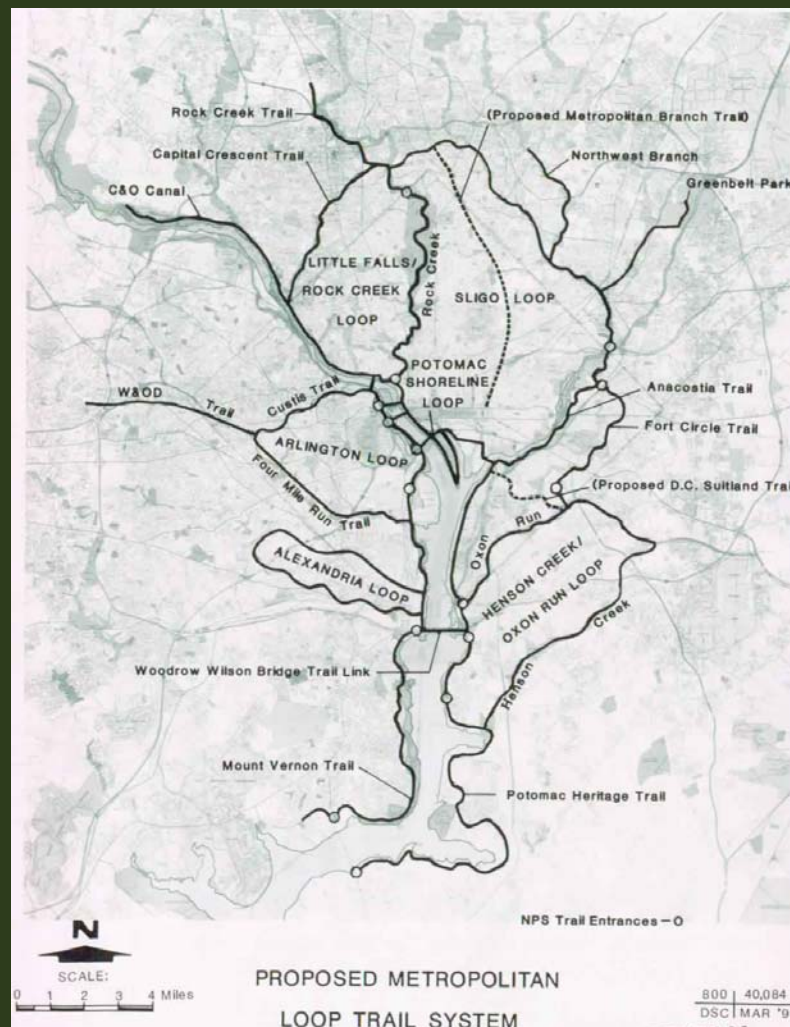


## 1990 Paved Recreation Trails of the National Capital Region Recommendations

Seven areas of recommendation:

- Policy
- System Design
- Trail design
- Information (signage, maps, etc.)
- Management
- Maintenance
- Construction Projects

Major recommendation was that NPS work toward upgrading the overall quality of the trail system by creating 6 interlocking loop trails





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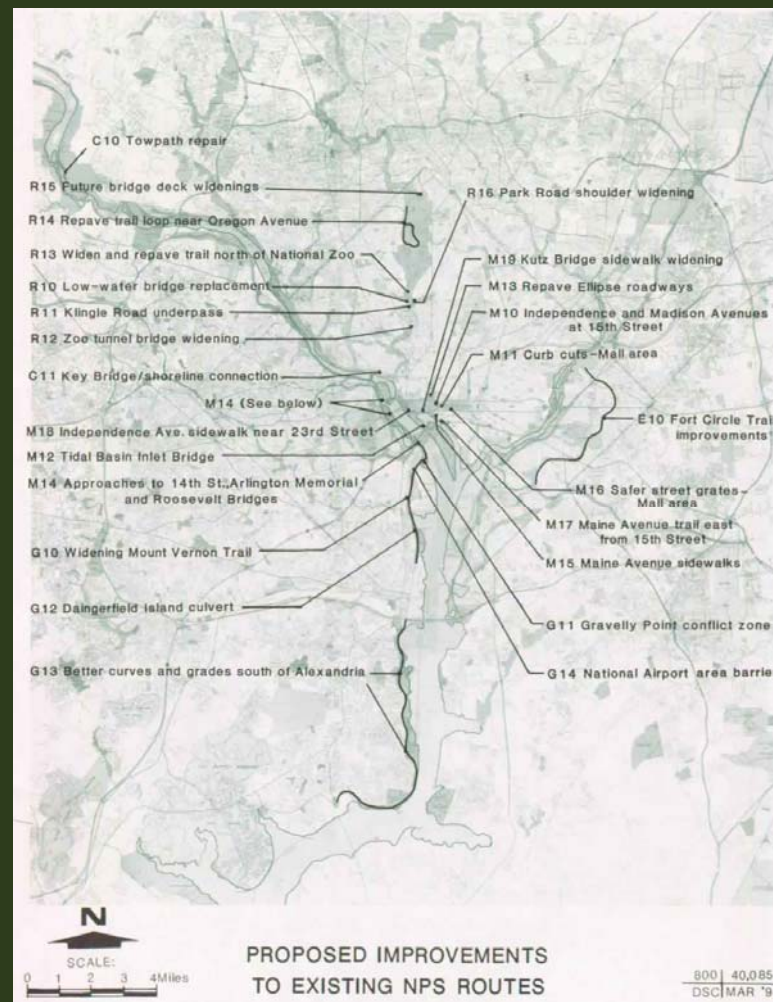
Also recommended were a series of 11 specific projects that were of the highest priority to be completed.

Projects included:

- Improvements to existing routes
- New Trail work
- Cooperative projects

Projects were prioritized by safety, cost effectiveness, network completion and positive public relations

Project costs were estimated to at between \$3.2 and \$4.1 million





## New Study of Paved Trails in the National Capital Region

- NPS is currently working to update the 1990 plan
- Over 140 miles of trails and bike paths with the Washington area – not all are paved or allow bikes
- Demand for trails has drastically increased
- New plan will include:
  - Evaluation and mapping of existing conditions
  - Gap analysis
  - Evaluation of existing funding
  - Future trends in use
  - Safety Analysis
  - Development of performance measures for access, mobility, condition of network and safety
  - Recommendations
    - Policy, Management, new projects, improvements, Maintenance, and design
  - Implementation plan / strategy
- NPS plans to collaborate with a variety of stakeholders and local jurisdiction through a series of interviews and workshops





## Schedule

- Project Kick – off October 2014
- Data Gathering = October – December
- Data Analysis – November – March
- Stakeholder Meetings – throughout the process
- Gap analysis October – August
- Final Plan – January 2016



# QUESTIONS?

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