# NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAIL NETWORK

#### **Revised Map**

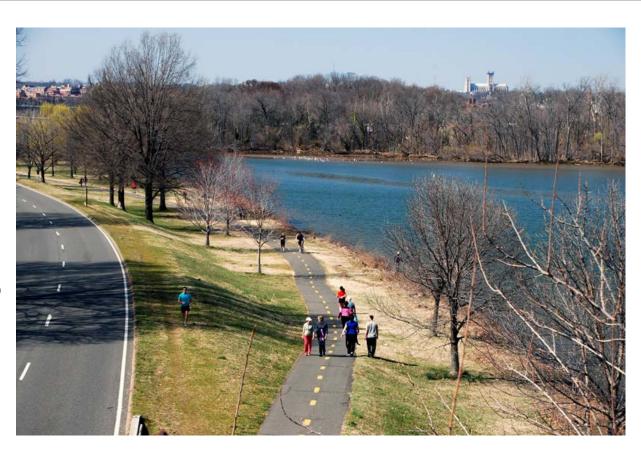
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# Overview of Today's Presentation

- Background of the National Capital Trail Network (NCTN)
- Recent changes
- Benefits
- The revised map
- Next/future steps

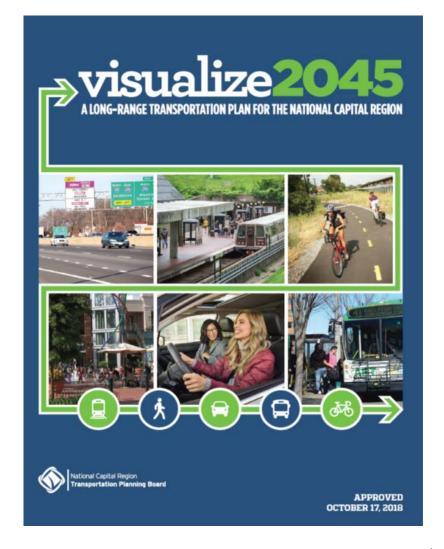


Mount Vernon Trail (BeyondDC, flickr.com)



# **Background and Recent Changes**

- December 2018 TPB
   Resolution R20-2019
   directed TPB staff to build
   upon the National Capital
   Trail to create a regional
   trail network that extends
   into all TPB member
   jurisdictions
- NCTN Presented to TPB in June 2020
- Received public comment
- Made changes in City of Manassas





#### **Benefits**

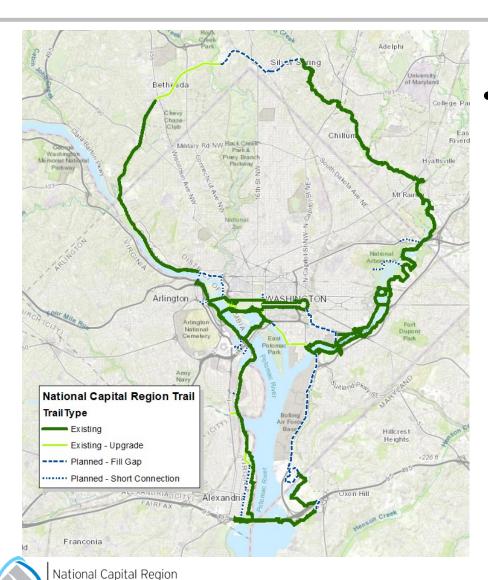
- Long-distance, continuous network of lowstress, mostly off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - 1400 miles of facilities (645 miles already exist)
- Accessible for all ages and abilities;
- Healthy, low-stress access to open space
- Clean, inexpensive, reliable transportation
- Serves most people, Activity Centers
  - 136 of 141 Activity Centers and 308 of 351 Equity Emphasis Areas are within
     ½ mile of the network



Virginia Avenue S.E.



## **National Capital Trail (2018)**



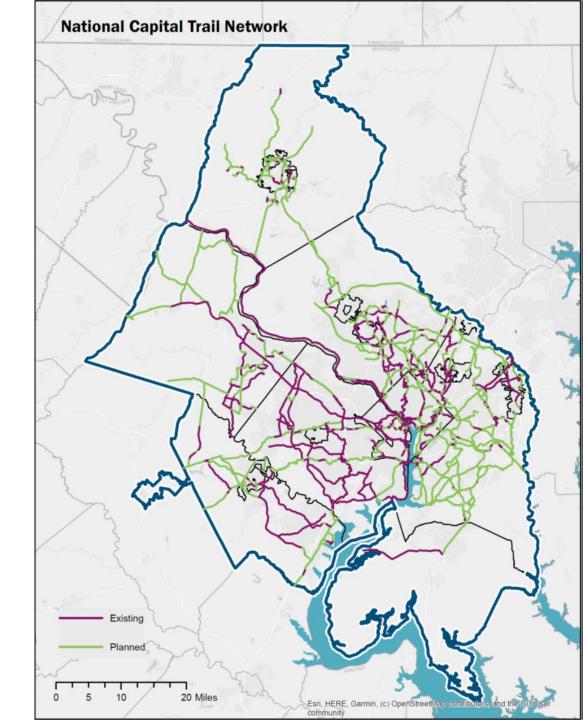
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- TPB adopted in October 2018 as an Aspirational Element of Visualize 2045
  - 60 total miles total
  - 21 miles unconstructed
  - 3 miles need upgrading

# National Capital Trail Network Map (2020)

https://www.mwcog.org//maps/map-listing/national-capital-trail/





### **Next Steps**

- Review and Adopt Resolution R5-2021
- Use NTCN to help prioritize funding
  - Transportation Alternatives Program
  - Transportation Land Use Connections Program
- Network updates
  - Periodic updates to the network to reflect new facilities, new information
- Update of the overall Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in FY 2021, with the NCTN included



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