

# FOLAR 2018 Accomplishments and Community Impact

Working in partnership with communities to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy

## Appomattox River Trail Project Development



**TRAIL SECTION PROJECTS** Bringing coordination, funding, and volunteerism across the region to ensure consistency and development of a world-class destination

Signage Installed - Completed development and implementation of \$63,000 Neighborhood Trail Access plan and signage for VA Department of Health-Crater Health District funded project to provide more opportunities for physical activity in communities with low health outcomes

Construction Underway - \$100,000 General Assembly Appropriation investment in 2016 catalyzed City of Hopewell investment of \$474,000 and business investment of \$50,000 to design and build the Hopewell Riverwalk Phase 1. Further investment has been committed by the VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation to complete the connection from City Park to City Marina

Design/Engineering Underway - \$250,000 grant from The Cameron Foundation initiates design and engineering of Petersburg Patton Park & Trail improvements through historic downtown Petersburg and Pocahontas Island

Awarded: \$100,000 challenge grant from the Mary Morton Parsons supports trail construction

Completed - Hopewell Riverside Park Stormwater Greenway Trail connecting City Marina to Broadway and Prince George County Appomattox River Regional Park Boat Launch Improvements through private funding

Implementing: Petersburg Pocahontas Island Park Improvements funded in collaboration with Rotary International investment of \$30,000 and volunteer service

Maintaining: Petersburg-Dinwiddie Ferndale Park and Trail Improvements through in-kind and volunteer investment

**TRAIL PROGRAMMING** – Promoting health and wellness and catalyzing economic growth

Created through a metro-regional partnership with the Crater and the Richmond Region District Planning Commissions the dedicated position of **Regional Trails Programs Director** to lead trail development

Organize volunteers to conduct baseline **Trail Use Counts** using national standard methodology





Partnering on “Creating an **Active Transportation Plan** for the City of Petersburg” project with the City of Petersburg, Sports Backers, Crater Health District, Crater Planning District Commission funded by The Cameron Foundation

Collaborating on CDC-funded 1809 project “Empowering Healthy Lifestyles to Reduce Obesity in Petersburg, Virginia” (EHLROP) - strategies to **increase access to safe and accessible places for physical activity** and to promote physical activity

Advisory to the completed Crater Planning District Commission-VDOT **Feasibility Study** to connect to the Virginia Capital Trail



## Restoring Healthy Shorelines & Water Quality

Removed 10,000+ lbs. of trash and debris through individual and corporate volunteer effort

FOLAR Spring Clean-up of eight sites along the River with 200+ volunteers remove 4,700lbs of trash.

Collaboration on Clean the Bay Day, James River Advisory Council 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Regional River Clean-up, Keep VA Beautiful, Fort Lee classes, and local organizations



## Educational-Recreational Programs

Appomattox River Regional Park 5K with Prince George Parks & Recreation and Riverside Regional Jail has 100+ runners

4<sup>TH</sup> Annual FOLAR RiverFest with over 20 partner organizations and vendors provide 1,000+ children and adults with outdoor learning and activities

11<sup>TH</sup> Annual Paddle-or-Battle 10-mile kayak race achieves record number of registrants

5<sup>TH</sup> Canoemobile with National Park Conservation Association and Wilderness Inquiry to provide environmental field trips to 200+ Hopewell students

### Advancing Next-Gen Learning

FOLAR Environmental Stewardship Scholarship, in partnership with the John Randolph Foundation, awards scholarships to local high school seniors to encourage pursuit of post-secondary education and commitment to community service



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