



Trail Protection

National Scenic and Historic Trails Land Preservation
Workshop

A Presentation by The Conservation Fund

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The Conservation Fund Mission



The Conservation Fund forges **partnerships** to conserve America's legacy of land and water resources. Through **land acquisition**, sustainable programs, and leadership training, the Fund and its partners demonstrate **sustainable conservation** solutions emphasizing the integration of economic and environmental goals.

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Conservation Results

Since 1985:

✓ Acres Protected: 5 Million

✓ Fair Market Value: \$2.9 Billion

✓ Purchase Price: \$2.1 Billion



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Partners in Conservation



- Public Agencies
- Foundations
- Corporations
- Nonprofits
- Individuals



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TCF is Involved in Various Trails Across the Country



- Fort-to-Sea Trail, OR & WA
- Mountain-to-Sea Trail, NC
- Chesapeake Bay Historic Water Trail
- Arabia Mountain, GA
- Cumberland Trail, TN
- Pinhoti Trail, GA & AL



Cub Scouts Hiking the Lewis & Clark
Fort-to-Sea Trail

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We don't ...



- Plan or develop trails – you are the experts
- Hold land for the long-term- usually
- Raise money for the specific project - usually

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We do...

- Landowner relationships
- Real estate negotiation/transaction
- Provide short term capital
- Loan fund
- Small grants
- Technical guidance
- Communication and transparency



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The Pinhoti Trail



- Trail Associations located the trail route and did the trail development
- Over a decade of discussions with the landowner
- Had to acquire more land than was needed
- TCF retains 266 acres after selling off 1,410 acres that were not needed

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Where?

- Partner driven – you tell us where
- Bigger is always better, but...
- Talk to us and other organizations



Alabama Trails Association Member Built
Bridge, Hurricane Creek, Pinhoti Trail

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Questions?



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