



Hampton Roads Regional Trails Update

Regional Environmental Committee
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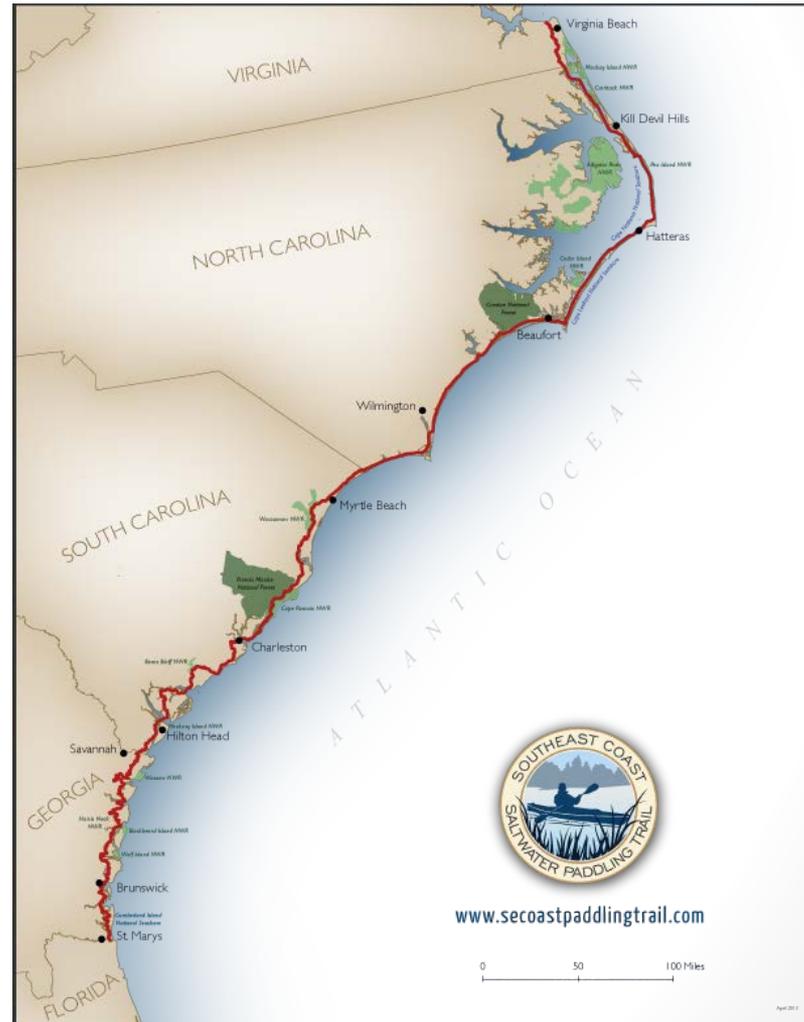


Hampton Roads Trail Inventory

- National/Interstate
 - Captain John Smith National Historic Trail
 - Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail
 - Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail
 - East Coast Greenway
 - Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail
 - Chesapeake Bay Gateways
 - TransAmerica Bicycle Route
- State
 - Beaches to Bluegrass Trail
 - James River Heritage Trail
 - Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail
 - Virginia Civil War Trail – Peninsula Campaign
 - Virginia Wildlife and Birding Trail
- Regional
 - Virginia Capital Trail
 - South Hampton Roads Trail
 - Dismal Swamp Canal Connector Trail

Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail

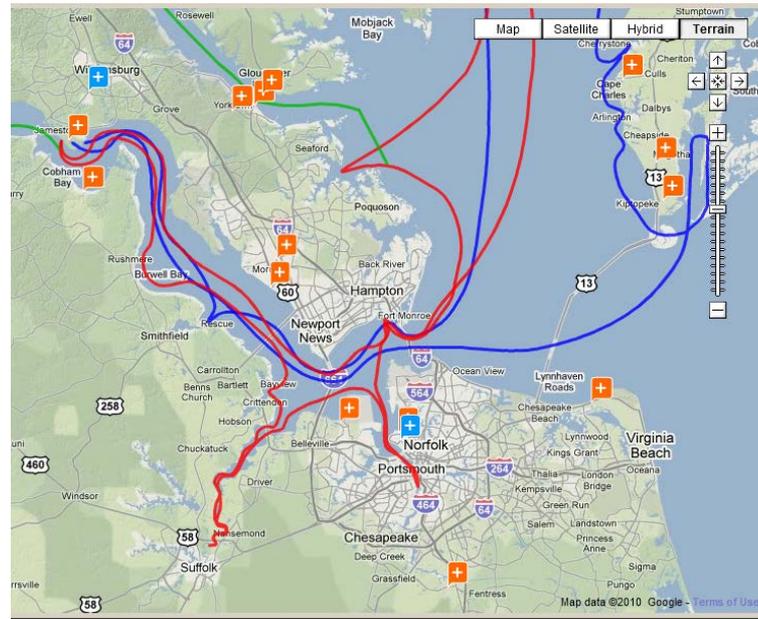
- Continuing to identify partners/long term strategy
- Update map data



Captain John Smith National Historic Trail

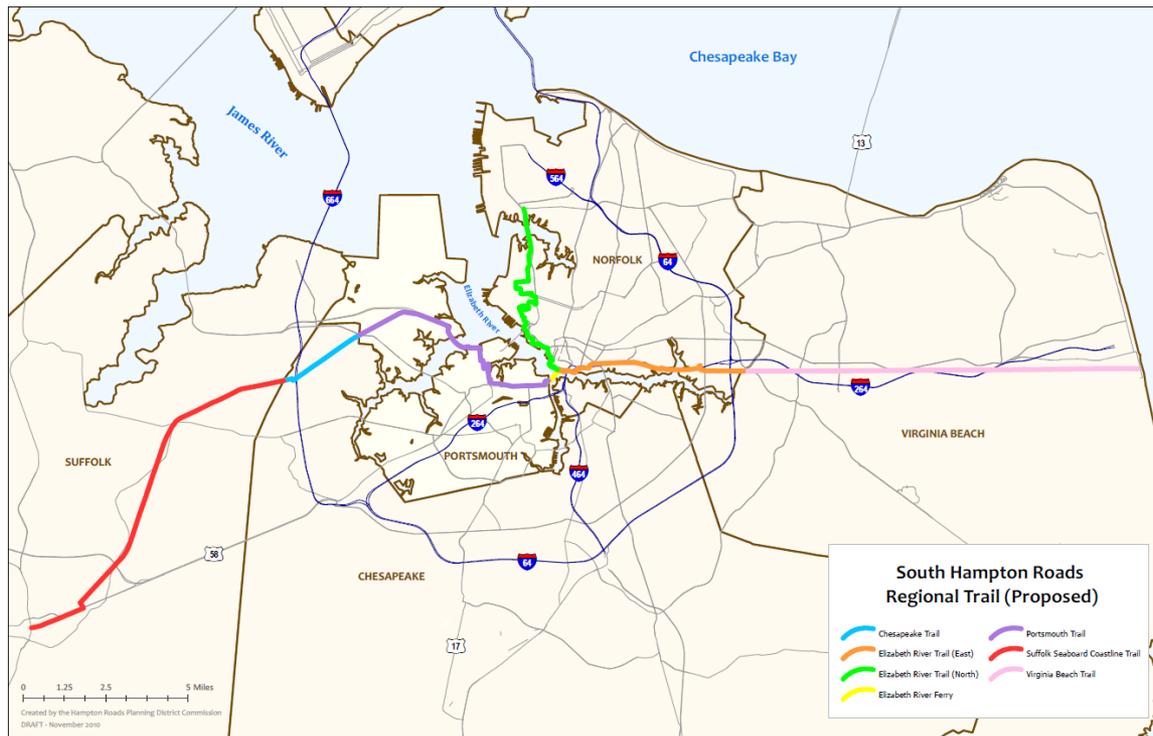


- NPS completed final plan for James River segment
- Nansemond River segment was opened and dedicated in May 2014
 - 3 kiosks will be installed at Bennett's Creek, Sleepy Hole Park, and Constant's Wharf
 - New kayak launch site at Constant's Wharf (CZM funded)
- More new kiosks planned for Windsor Castle Park - Smithfield; Fort Monroe; Jamestown; Chippokes State Park; York River State Park



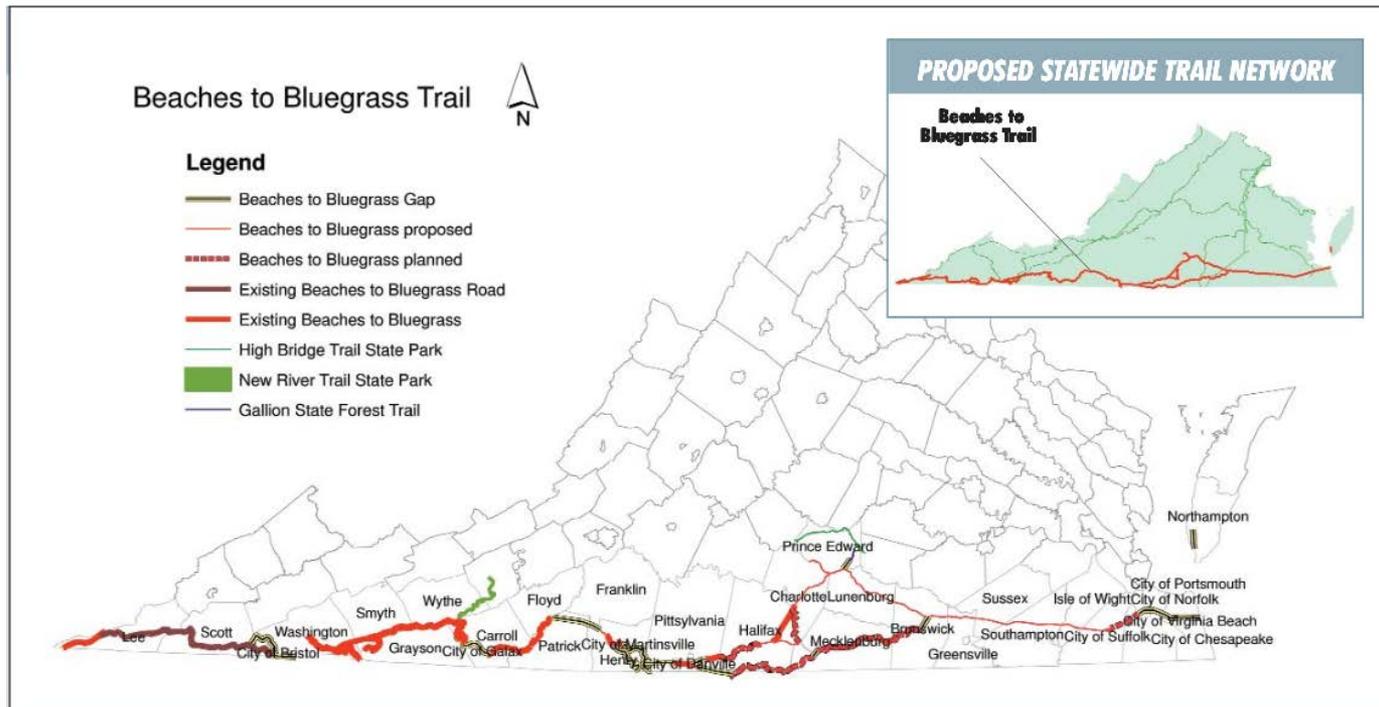
South Hampton Roads Trail

- Suffolk: Pughsville → Driver segment went out to bid with construction starting this year
- Portsmouth: rail-to-trail segment funded for design/construction (TAP funds via TPO)
- TBA trip to Charlotte to see light rail/trail; outreach activities



Beaches to Bluegrass

- DCR is currently working on a plan (fall)
- HRPDC wrote letter of support for B2B and to support planned SHRT as the route for the B2B through Hampton Roads
- Many gaps in route across the state – Hampton Roads gaps are being filled with on-road bike routes for now



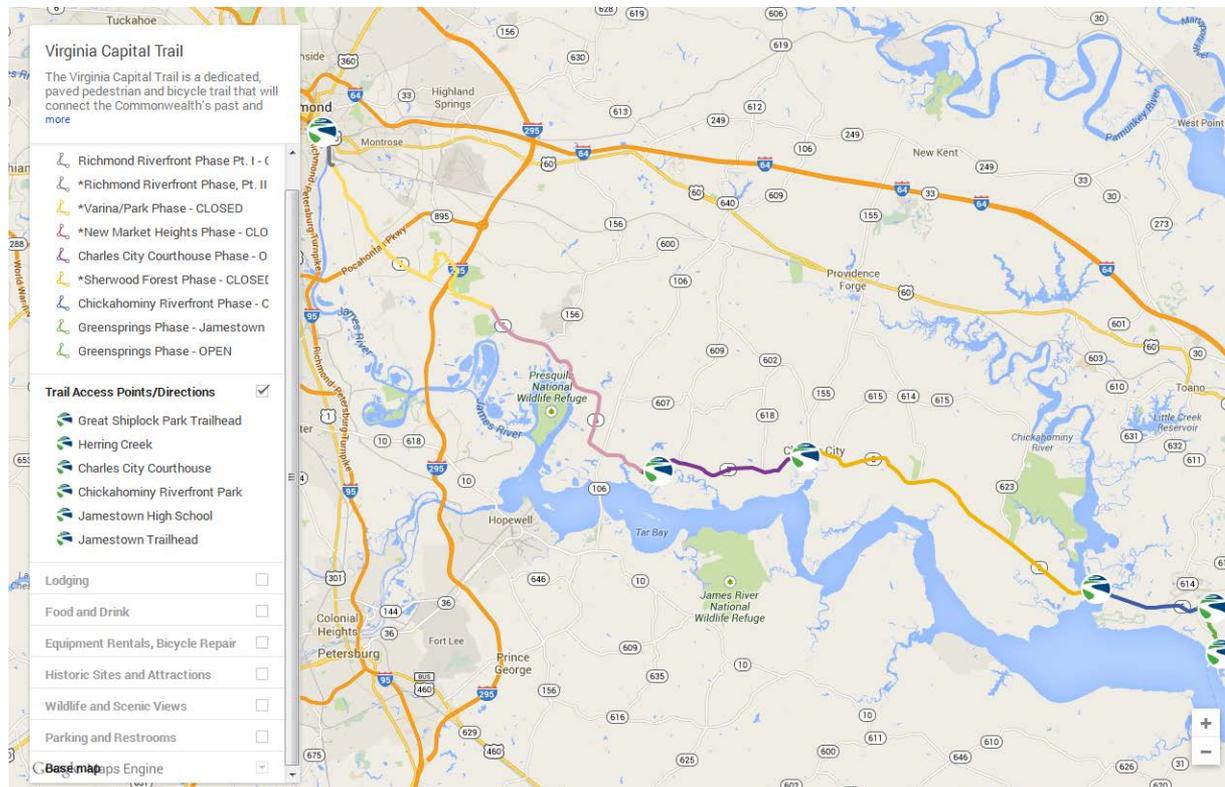
TransAmerica Bicycle Trail

- Interest in adding spur to Virginia Beach
- Possibly follow TBA route recommendation
- Locality/VDOT support
- Must get AASHTO approval



Virginia Capital Trail

- Several segments open
- The rest are under construction
- Goal for completion is September 1, 2015



Grant Opportunities

- [DGIF Public Boating Access](#) – Due Oct. 1
 - Grants to Localities for Public Boating Access Facilities
 - 75% cost covered, can use in-kind matching
 - <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/access/grants>
- [NPS Maritime Heritage Program](#) – Due Sept. 23
 - National Maritime Heritage Grants for education or preservation projects
 - 1 to 1 match
 - <http://www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/2014.htm>