



Deep River State Trail Plan: 2022-2027

Piedmont Land Conservancy

- **Planned Length:** 125 miles each (land and water)
- **Miles Designated:** 5
- **Complete the Trails Funds:** \$860,828
- **Capacity Funds:** \$49,500

Capacity Building Funds:

Tasks:

- Trail Coordinator position – \$20,000/ year
- Mapping – \$2500/year
- Project Coordination – \$2000/ year

Deliverables:

- Deep River State Trail Steering Committee established and functioning
- Trail Volunteer program established and functioning
- Priority trail projects completed

Trail Development

Segment 1: Guilford County to Randleman (20 miles)

- **Planning:** Blueway from Deep River Road and Penny Road to City Lake Marina. Have technical assistance grant to plan.
- **Construction:** Complete extension of existing Bicentennial Greenway at Piedmont Environmental Center on Penny Road to City Lake Park via a pedestrian bridge across City Lake. (Summer 2022) (Mile 124)
- **Construction:** Blueway from Deep River Rd and Penny Road to City Lake marina.
- **Designation:** Designate 1.2-mile section of the High Point Greenway between Deep River Road and Penny Road; 2.6-mile section of Bicentennial Greenway from Penny Road to Sunnyvale Road and 2.3-mile Deep River Trail along City Lake. (Miles 124-125)
- **Designation:** Designate the 3.9 miles of trails along City Lake at the Piedmont Environmental Center. (Mile 124)
- **Designation:** PTRWA Boat Ramp (Mile 110)
- **Designation:** Southwest Park – river access (Mile 119)
- **Partners:**
 - › Guilford County
 - › City of High Point
 - › Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority
 - › Randleman
 - › Randolph County
 - › Deep River State Trail Steering Committee
 - › Piedmont Land Conservancy
 - › Randolph County Trails Advisory Council

Segment 2: Randleman to Moore County Line (34 miles)

- **Planning:**
 - › Randolph County Landfill Central Falls to Cedar Falls (3 miles). Involves conceptual plan with trail alignment.
 - › Preliminary engineering for five bridges – Bush, Harlan, Cox, Gabriel's and Hasketts Creeks.
 - › Extend Randleman trail upstream to Randleman Dam. Involves locating the trail alignment and identifying property for acquisition of easements.
- **Acquisition:** acquisition of easement of several critical connections.
- **Trail construction:**
 - › Sandy Creek bridge to connect Franklinville Rail section (1.75 mi) to Ramseur Rail section (0.75 mi). RTP funded
 - › Ramseur Rail Trail extension, acquisition, trailhead and portage – PARTF and NCL & WF. Involves 0.5-mile trail extension to downtown, trailhead at Old Depot/Columbia Mill and portage river right at Leonard Park.
 - › Randleman Phase III (1.5 miles) – RTP funded. Involves trailhead at Worthville in conjunction with River Access, 1.25 mile of new trail and 0.25 mile of renovated trail to connect to the existing trail at the rock outcrop.
 - › Worthville River Access – RTP (2021) and NC WRC funded
 - › Central Falls River Access – RTP funded (2022)

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- › Franklinville to Cedar Falls (Sapona Mill) (2 miles). Involves two trailheads, bridge over Bush Creek and 2 miles of trail on abandoned railroad bed.
- › Sapona to N.C. Textile Museum (Cedar Falls) (0.75 mile). Involves trailhead at N.C. Textile Museum, connection from Sapona Mill to abandoned railroad bed, 0.75 mile of trail, and river access site at N.C. Textile Museum.
- › Cedar Falls to Central Falls (County Landfill). Involves first section of 3-mile trail based on Conceptual Plan.
- › River access below the Randleman Dam. Involve creating trailhead near dam on river right and takeout access in Randleman.
- **Partners:**
 - › Randolph County
 - › Randleman
 - › Franklinville
 - › Ramseur
 - › PTRWA
 - › Piedmont Land Conservancy
 - › Randolph County Trails Advisory Council
 - › Deep River State Trail Steering Committee

Segment 3: Moore County (30 miles)

- **Planning:**
 - › River access at Glendon-Carthage Road Bridge (Mile 55) – plan to rebuild the river access. Bridge was replaced and the river access lost. May involve acquisition.
 - › River access at S. Carbonton Bridge (Mile 49) near House in the Horseshoe owned by DNCR. Will involve acquisition. The takeout would be existing Carbonton Bridge Ramp Access in Lee County
 - › River access at N. Howard Mill Road Bridge (Mile 71). Will involve acquisition and perhaps Brownfield cleanup funds.
- **Acquisition:**
 - › River access near House in the Horseshoe.
 - › River access at Carthage Road Bridge.
- **Trail Construction:**
 - › River access at S. Carbonton Bridge (Mile 49) near House in the Horseshoe
 - › River access at Glendon-Carthage Road Bridge (Mile 55)
- **Partners:**
 - › Moore County
 - › Three Rivers Land Trust
 - › Triangle J COG
 - › Deep River State Trail Steering Committee
- **Volunteer Recruitment** – Needed when accesses are constructed.

Segment 4: Chatham and Lee Counties (29 miles)

- **Planning:**
 - › Conceptual Plan for Deep River Blueway Corridor for Chatham and Lee Counties. Involves coordinating the four existing and three funded river accesses with Chatham and Lee Counties, Deep River Park Association, Triangle Land Conservancy and State Parks.
 - › Endor Iron Furnace Park (Mile 28). Involves a plan to restore iron furnace and create trails and river access/camping along Deep River.
 - › Extend the river trail from Endor Iron Furnace (Mile 28) to Deep River Park/Camel Back Park. Involves working with Pilgrim's Pride that owns 400+ acres along Deep River.
 - › Conceptual Plan for land trail from Carbonton (Mile 43) to Moncure/US-1 (Mile 18)
- **Trail Construction:**
 - › River access at US-421 – NCWRC funded (Mile 33)
 - › River access at US-15/501 – NCWRC funded (Mile 25)
 - › River access Jordan Lake (Justice) tract/US-1 – State Parks plans to build (Mile 18)
 - › Pave the river access ramp at Carbonton (Mile 43)
- **Partners:**
 - › Lee County
 - › Chatham County
 - › Triangle Land Conservancy

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- › N.C. State Parks, N.C. Historic Sites
- › Deep River State Trail Steering Committee
- **Volunteer Coordination** – Lee and Chatham Counties, Deep River Park Association and Triangle Land Conservancy

Complete the Trail (CTF) Projects:

1. Franklinville to Sapona (\$700,000);
2. Sapona to N.C. Textile Museum including water access (\$300,000)

2023 Year of the Trail Celebrations Planned/Anticipated:

Ribbon cutting:

- Franklinville to Sapona;
- Ramseur trail extension, trailhead and portage;
- Worthville to Central Falls blueway
- Randleman Phase III – Worthville to Randleman.
- River access at US-421
- River access at US-15/501

Trail Events:

- Paddle using four existing river accesses in Lee/Chatham Counties
- Hike along new 1.2 mile High Point Greenway segment at Hickwood/Penny Roads

Needed technical/other assistance needed from State Parks:

- Design for standard foot bridge