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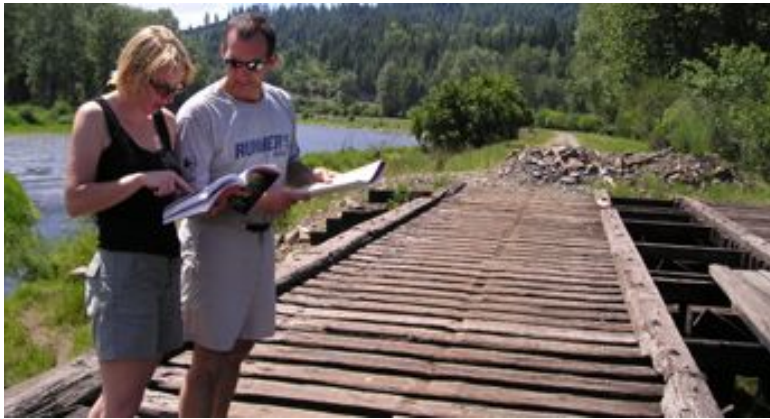
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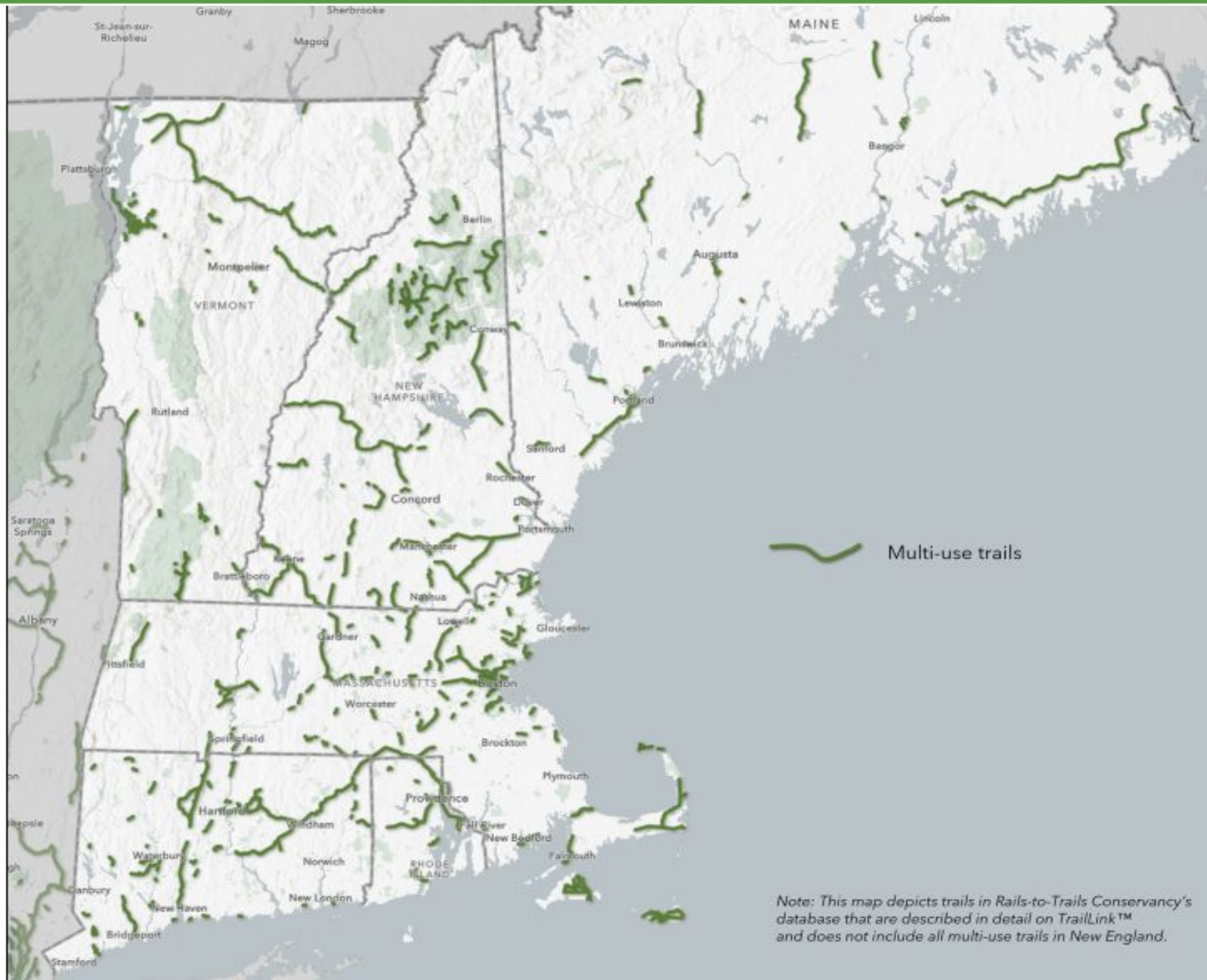
New Hampshire Rail-Trail Coalition Conference 2023

Multi-Use Trail Programs in Other States

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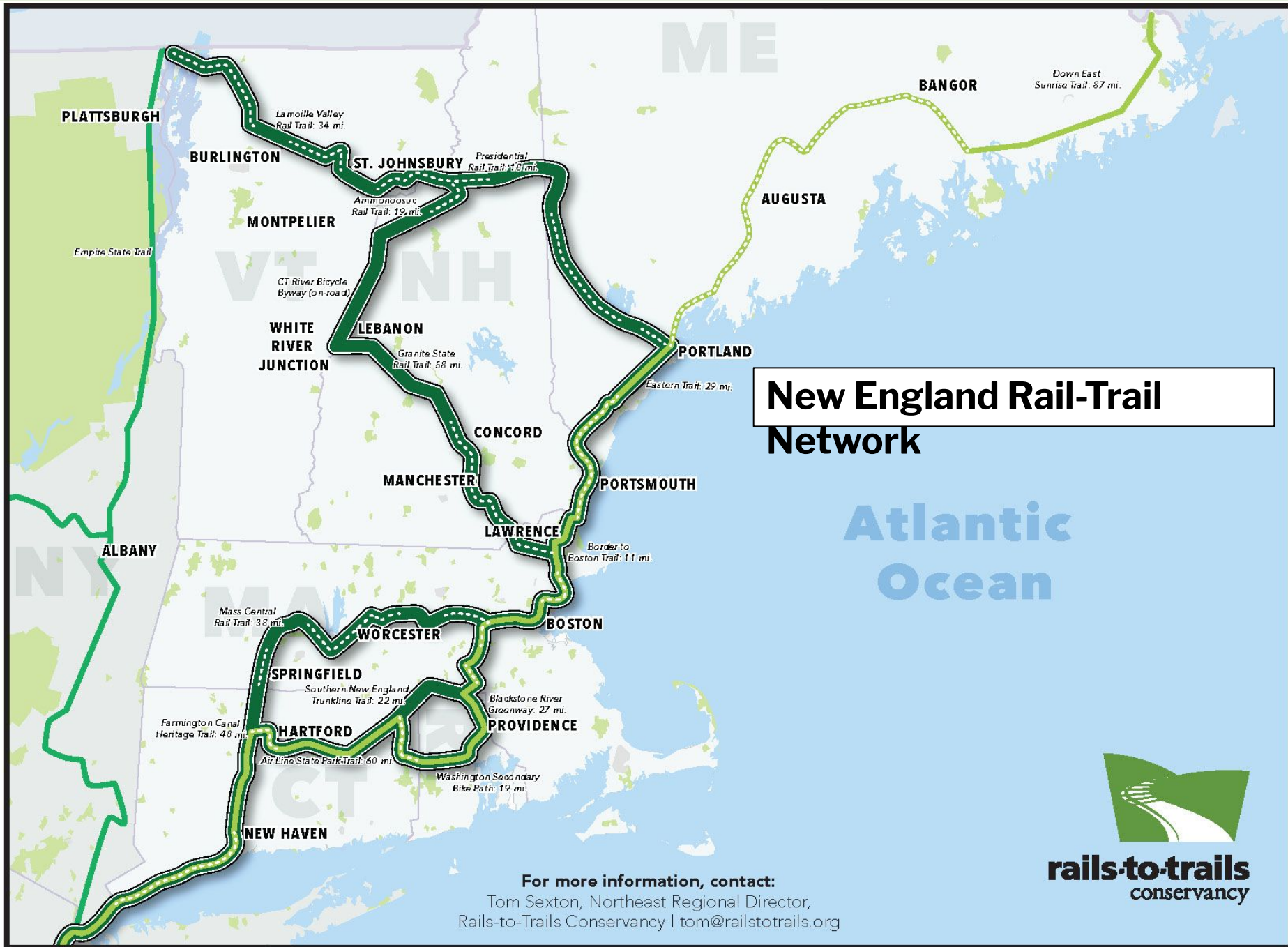
What does Rails-to-Trails Conservancy do?





Note: This map depicts trails in Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's database that are described in detail on TrailLink™ and does not include all multi-use trails in New England.





New England Rail-Trail Network

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Building Regional Trail Networks

- **Be strategic**
- **Not an inventory**
- **Prioritize**

Multi-Use Trail Programs in Other States

- Governor – conference, messages, biker, etc.
- State-Generated Funding
- Plan with Priorities
- State Rail-Trail Act/Railbanking
- Enhanced State Recreation Use Statutes
- Amendments for Rails-With-Trails
- Legislative Trail Caucus
- Resolutions
- Staff Hires
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California

- Governor's "Outdoors for All"
- \$1 billion for Active Transportation
- Disadvantaged Communities



Colorado



- 10-minute walk to public open space
- Energy Office \$102M for E-Bikes
- Lottery
- 2022 Utility Trail Law

Connecticut



- State-wide Count Program
- \$10 million a year for next two years
- Complete Streets Policy

Florida



- Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network \$50 million
- 4000-mile goal with road gaps of no more than 1/2 mile

Indiana

- *Next Level Trails* at DNR - \$180 Million
- Legislative Trails Caucus
- National Conference of State Legislators
- 2021 RTC Rail-Trail Champion



Maine



- Trail Until Rail
- Mt. Division was held over in Appropriations
- \$30M for all trails

Massachusetts

- Inter-agency Cooperation
- 39 Priority Trails
- Healthy Transportation Compact



Minnesota



- \$10 million for SRTS and \$20 for AT for next two years
- 3/4 of a cent sales tax in the Metro Area
- **MUST** teach bicycle and pedestrian safety
- North Star Bicycle Route

New Hampshire



- DNCR BOT Non-motorized specialist
- Outdoor Recreation Director
- Amended RSA to include liability for railroads for RWT



New York

- Empire State System as Priority
- Coordinator to complete 60 projects in 18 months
- \$270 Million



North Carolina

- 2022 - 50M in one-time
- Year of the Trail resolution



OHIO

- \$6.25 annually since 2000
- *Legislative Trails Caucus*
- *Bike-with-a-Mayor Series*



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Pennsylvania

- 2010 Natural Gas Revenue
- 2015 Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition
- 1999 Budget Address
- 1997 Governors' Conference on Trails and Greenways
- 1995 Greenway Commission
- 1994 Governor's Campaign
- 1992 TE Advisory Committee
- 1991 EPA \$300K grant to set up GIS
- 1990 Pennsylvania Rail-Trail Act
- 1989 RTC Office Opened



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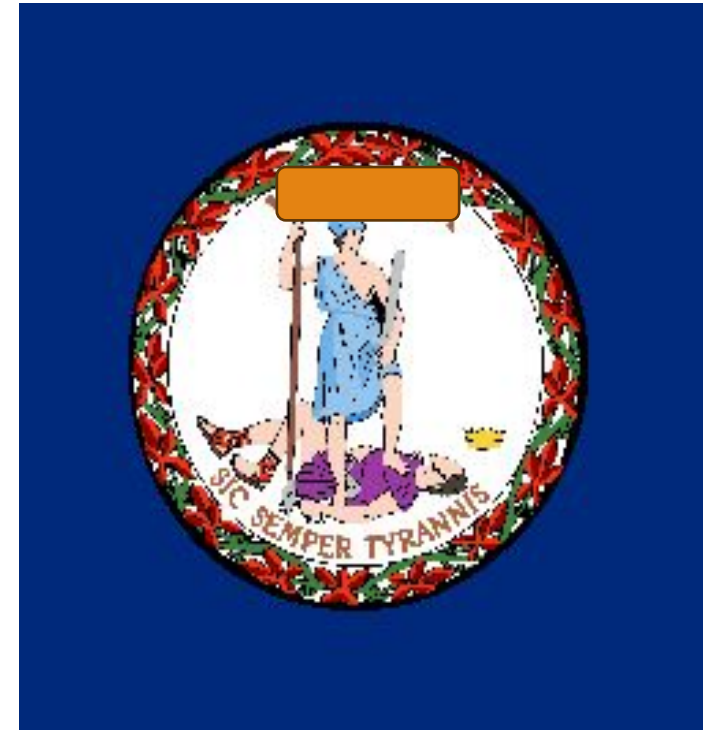
Vermont

- First DOT Rail-Trail Program Manager
- Governor to bike the 93-mile
- Resiliency practices



Virginia

- **State Trail Program Manager**
- **\$79M in new state money**



Washington State



- Governor is a bicyclist
- Move Ahead \$1.2 billion over 16 years
- DOT Active Transportation Director

Wisconsin

- Office of Outdoor Recreation
- Legislative Trail Caucus Leadership
- Utility Partnerships



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Generic examples

Mention Trails in your DNR's SCORP
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Established a multi-modal funding coalition

Mention B/P/T in state of state address

Have Governors' Conference on Trails

Establish a temporary Commission to bring all relevant agencies to the table

PUC moratorium on demolition of bridge until policy guidance issued

Governor's ride – with legislators and agency heads

Yearly State-generated funding

TA Advisory Committee which picked projects for 3 rounds over 6 years

Rail-Trail Act, RWT amendment, enhance Rec Use Statute

RR and RT GIS

Progressive staff hires like outdoor director or

Inter-agency committees

Bully pulpit stuff like Governor mentions trails in state of state address, rides a bike, etc...

Conference

Trail caucus

resolutions



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