



Today's abandoned tracks could become tomorrow's park & trail



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Coalition For The Capital Crescent Trail

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- Conservation Federation of MD
- D.C. Road Runners Club
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- Oxon Hill Bicycle and Trail Club
- Pentagon Pacesetters
- Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
- Potomac Boat Club
- Potomac Pedalers Touring Club
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Sierra Club (Rock Creek Group)
- Virginia Volkssport Assoc.
- Walkways Center
- Wanderbirds Hiking Club
- Washington Area Bicyclist Assoc.
- Washington Canoe Club
- Washington Running Club
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The Capital Crescent Trail



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A Rails-to-Trail Project

Can You Imagine

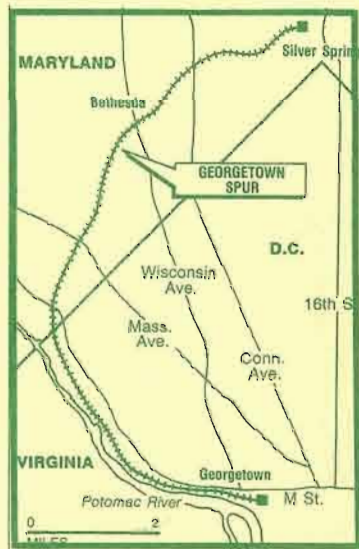
Can you imagine walking along a peaceful, tree-shaded, 11-mile path through northwest Washington and the heart of the Montgomery County suburbs? Bicycling on a flat, auto-free grade from Georgetown to Silver Spring? Jogging on a historic corridor that connects three parks and includes two tunnels and two massive bridges? Skiing on a nearby trail that affords breathtaking views of the Potomac River, the C&O Canal and Rock Creek?

All this and more can become a reality—*now*—if you help.



The abandonment of a little-known railroad track called the "Georgetown Spur" currently provides Montgomery County with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a new linear park through Bethesda and Silver Spring and along the C&O Canal all the way to Georgetown. Among the park's many advantages will be:

- the creation of a 20-mile trail circuit joining Rock Creek Park, Little Falls Park and the C&O Canal
- an auto-free and level path for



The Coalition is working to convert the Georgetown Spur into the Capital Crescent Trail.

- bicycling to work, school, shops and libraries
- a pleasant route for walking, running and exercising
- an unparalleled corridor for cross-country skiing
- a natural habitat for wildflowers and birds
- a non-motorized link to two Metro stations
- improved access to the C&O Canal Towpath
- higher property values near the trail and greater tax revenues to the county



From Rails To Trails

No one is happy to see the decline of railroading in the United States. But converting the old Georgetown Spur into the new Capital Crescent Trail reflects a rails-to-trails trend that is sweeping the nation.

Already, more than 100 communities from New York to California have replaced unused tracks with non-motorized paths for commuting and recreation. In our area there are already two outstanding examples—the 44-mile-long W&OD Railroad Trail in northern Virginia and the seven-mile Northern Central Railroad Trail in Baltimore County.

From Seattle to the Chicago suburbs to Cape Cod, millions of Americans are using and enjoying converted rail-trails. It's an idea whose time has come!



You Can Help

But the Capital Crescent Trail won't just "happen." For one thing there are competing interests for the land. For another, the railroad—CSX Corporation—is not required to turn it over to the County. Even the loss of a single parcel along the route would break up the precious continuity of the corridor. The Capital Crescent Trail will be created only if there is strong citizen support—*your* support.

Here's what you can do:

1. Join the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail.
2. If you belong to a relevant community organization, arrange for the group to join the Coalition or to support its goals.
3. Contribute time or money to the Coalition.
4. Write letters to your representatives telling them of your support for the trail and asking them for assistance.
5. Distribute copies of this brochure to your friends and neighbors.



Yes! I want to help create the Capital Crescent Trail.

- Add me to your membership list. Enclosed is a donation for \$ _____ to help make the Capital Crescent Trail a reality. All contributions are tax-deductible. (Make check payable to CCCT.)
- I want to spread the word. Send me _____ flyers.
- I know of a group that might join the coalition. The group is: _____
- I want to help with:
 - ___ research ___ writing
 - ___ telephoning ___ artwork
 - ___ leafletting ___ event organizing

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TELEPHONE (DAY) _____ (EVE) _____

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