From the Chair

Looking Forward, Reviewing the Past

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Coalition assembled for our first meeting in July, 1992. Members of the Board have identified several goals to accomplish between now and June, 1993. These goals are defined, in part, by events of the preceding year, so let's review last year.

For almost two years, the Coalition had the good fortune of having a dedicated, paid, full-time staff person, allowing us to have a central person who responded to phone calls, coordinated volunteer activities, monitored legislation and provided a communications hub for the Board.

Since late last year, CCCT has been without this resource, which has forced the Board to operate in a different mode. The bottom line is that the Coalition is once again an all-volunteer organization. The preceding Board and the current Board have worked diligently to make the transition, and happily, it has been a successful one. There are now more opportunities for you to contribute your efforts to get the trail open!

In the past year, we have witnessed more progress from the National Park Service (D.C.) and Montgomery County than in all preceding years combined. Not unlike a train, this project is picking up steam on the government side. Montgomery County hired a design consultant to make recommendations for the portion of the trail from the D.C. line to Bethesda Avenue. The consultants, who worked closely with the Coalition, presented their recommendations—largely favorable—to the Planning Board on July 20.

Additionally, federal transportation legislation, which could fund a portion of the trail in Montgomery County, went into effect this year. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (known as ISTEA and pronounced "ice-tea") calls for every state to spend federal funds on several non-highway transportation "enhancement" projects, such as rail-trail conversions. County officials have applied for funding through the

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A Special Thanks ...

Scores of CCCT volunteers have made an impact on the Capital Crescent Trail’s progress in the past year.

One group in particular deserves special recognition: the Trail Preparations Committee, led for two years by dedicated Board member Doug Engle. With tools in hand, work crews have managed to consistently keep the trail in excellent condition—free of debris and easily passable.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Special Recognition
Trail Preparation Stewards

Additional Volunteers

Community Outreach:
Marianne Fowler, Henri Bartholomot, Tony Czajkowski, Peter Lafen, Dave Lillard and Bonnie Nevel

Store Liaison Coordinators:
Justin Deforge, Alan Simon

Table Sitters: Alicia Avery, Maurice Belanger, Susan Blanchard, Marianne Fowler, Chris Herman


The Coalition thanks all of these dedicated volunteers for giving their valuable time to bring the Capital Crescent Trail closer to reality. If you want to help, call (202) 234-4874 for more information.

Top Raffle Ticket Sellers
Alicia Avery, Henri Bartholomot, Maurice Belanger, Johannah Berry, Susan Blanchard, Chris Brown, Ed Delaney, Doug Engle, Edward Finan, Marianne Fowler, John Gibson, Steve Gregg, Peter Harnik, Chris Herman, Ann Herzog, Kate Kent, Henri Labalme, Shari Levine, Jennifer Longsworth, Margaret Marchak, Charlie McCormick, City Bikes, Moira Mcdonald, Dave Mitronie, Chuck Montange, Bonnie Nevel, Beth Porter, Phyllis Robinson, Karen-Lee Ryan, Kathleen Smith

Fall Fashion Tee

Enjoy the great fall weather wearing a new CCCT T-shirt!

This attractive 50/50 poly/cotton white T-shirt features a scene along the Capital Crescent Trail in black ink with a yellow sun rising over the tracks.

Available in adult sizes small, medium, large and extra large; great low price: $10.95. Buy it today, wear it Oct. 3.

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Send check to CCCT, 1400 16th St., NW, #300, Washington, DC 20036
HELP WANTED: CCCT VOLUNTEERS

Perhaps you are interested in working for the trail but are uncertain how to help out.

We need you! Whether you have one hour or 100 hours to donate, we could use your help to make the trail happen!

Please take a look at all of the positions listed below and let us know how you can help (leave a message at 202-234-4874). We have listed the approximate time it will take for each activity.

The following positions need volunteer support:

◆ Trail Preparations Committee: Work with other volunteers to keep the trail corridor passable and free of debris (4 hours/month).

◆ Outreach Coordinator: Work with Slide Show Coordinator to make presentations to CCCT member groups and also seek new groups to support the Coalition (5 hours initially, 3 hours/month thereafter).

◆ T-shirt Coordinator: Mail T-shirt orders received from newsletter and track inventory. Option to work with local merchants (3 hours set-up, 2 hours/month thereafter).

◆ Merchant Liaisons: Contact friendly store owners to make sure they have Coalition literature and contact new merchants to ask if CCCT materials can be posted (1-2 hours/month).

◆ Legislative Liaisons: Track Montgomery County legislation relating to the trail; work with chair on letter-writing campaigns and testimonies, or attend public hearings (2 hours initially, then 4 hours/month).

◆ Government Liaisons: Work with specific officials in Montgomery County or the National Park Service, tracking the trail's progress and relaying the concerns of CCCT (2-4 hours/month).

◆ Table Sitters: Answer questions and collect names at various community events (2-3 hours/month).

◆ Writers: Develop corporate support letters, help develop a new CCCT brochure, or provide assistance with future issues of this newsletter (1-4 hours/month).

◆ Photographers: Take color slides and black-and-white photos for use in CCCT's publications and slide show (several events a year).

Coalition Goals Prompt Progress for Coming Year

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Maryland Department of Transportation, which will allocate some of the funds by the year’s end. It looks extremely likely that the Capital Crescent will receive significant funding, which could prompt development of the trail quickly.

Now, our goals for the upcoming year.

Within the Coalition, we will be looking to volunteers to help get the job done. For example, you can attend a bulk mail party (folding, stuffing, sorting); participate in trail preparation (clearing brush, picking up trash, mowing); attend a Planning Board meeting (take notes, stay awake). Many important tasks take only a few hours at a time. You can help occasionally or regularly—any amount of your time will be appreciated. If you’ve not helped before, it may interest you to know that work with your fellow trail supporters is pleasant, sociable and fun! As volunteers, we have a right to enjoy as we produce results.

Timely communication is key to good results. To keep Coalition members informed, we now have the Coalition information line: 202-234-4874. Call in for information about upcoming events, or to let us know if there is a new development that could impact our progress. Also use this line to let us know if you wish to volunteer your time for a project.

Outside the Coalition, we have seen progress by government agencies, and we need to encourage this trend. We may call upon you to write a letter to key officials. We will update you via this newsletter, action alerts and the information line (check it once a month).

Included in this newsletter is a comprehensive (hopefully!) list of volunteers who have helped out in recent months. Thanks to all of you. If you have helped, but we missed your name, give us a call and we'll get you in next time. Until then, let's keep moving forward!

Tom Barrett, CCCT Chair
**CCCT Calendar**

Sept. 21, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road.

Sept. 27: Trail Preparations Committee working on the corridor. For more information call the CCCT information line, 202-234-4874.

Oct. 3, 10 a.m.: NATIONAL RAIL-TRAIL CELEBRATION! Join the groundbreaking on the Capital Crescent at the D.C./Montgomery County line (near the Dalecarlia Tunnel). Call the CCCT information line for additional details and directions to the site.

Oct. 25: Trail Preparations Committee working on the corridor.

Oct. 26, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library.

Nov. 29: Trail Preparations Committee working on the corridor.

Dec. 7, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library.

Jan. 11, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library.

Feb. 22, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library.

March 22, 7 p.m.: CCCT Board Meeting, Bethesda Library.

Do you have an old, but fully functional computer system, that you could donate to the Coalition?

We need a low-end, IBM-compatible machine to maintain our accounting records. A PC with the following specs (or better) would be appreciated:

- CPU-8088
- 640K RAM
- 10 Meg HD
- monitor, keyboard, dot-matrix printer.

Leave a message at the Coalition information line at (202) 234-4874.

**COALITION MEMBERS**

- American Forestry Association
- American Hiking Society
- AYH — Potomac Area Council
- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Arlington County Bike Club
- Audubon Naturalist Society
- Blue Ridge Voyager
- Brookmont Civic Association
- Capital Hiking Club
- Citizens Association of Georgetown
- Committee of 100 on the Federal City
- C&O Canal Association
- Conservation Federation of Maryland
- D.C. Roadrunners Club
- Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Coalition
- Maryland Assn of Biking Organizations
- Montgomery County Outdoor
- Education Association
- Montgomery County Road Runners
- National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association
- N.I.H. Bicycle Commuting Club
- National Parks and Conservation Association
- National Recreation and Parks Association
- Northern Virginia Volksmarchers
- 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 Association
- Wanderbirds Hiking Club
- Washington Area Bicyclist Association
- Washington Canoe Club
- Washington Running Club
- Washington Women Outdoors

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