



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 15-28

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director  
DATE: March 26, 2015

### RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EAST COAST GREENWAYS IN DESIGNATING AND IDENTIFYING SAFE ROUTES IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has supported the coordination of local and statewide trail and greenway initiatives throughout the Northern Virginia Region; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff provides technical assistance and coordinates local efforts to discuss and research trail, recreation, and open space policy issues since 2000 through the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) public land managers committee; and

WHEREAS, NVRC continues to assist local governments in the planning and implementation of the PHNST supported by a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, NVRC works closely with state and local bicycle and pedestrian safety advocates on safe routes and safety education in conjunction with a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles highway safety grant; and

WHEREAS, NVRC, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and member localities have supported the East Coast Greenway, a bicycle route which extends from Florida to Maine, making use of existing long range routes and trails, with a goal of a continuous off road bicycling route; and

WHEREAS, the DCR as part of the Virginia Outdoors plan in 2011 had survey respondents indicate that trails were the top priority for outdoor recreation in the state, and that 83 percent of Virginians walk and bicycle for pleasure; and

WHEREAS, recreational trails offer direct and indirect economic, health and transportation benefits to the region, as outlined by the Virginia tourism and DCR studies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NVRC will support East Coast Greenways by providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Transportation, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance to identify and support designation in Northern Virginia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NVRC will bring together state and local staff via conference calls to support way finding efforts for the East Coast Greenway trail.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on March 26, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Mark Gibb", is written over a horizontal line.

G. MARK GIBB, CERTIFYING OFFICER

