

# The Saluda Grade Trail: A Catalyst for Economic Transformation in Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE  
**Conserving Carolina**



STATES IMPACTED  
**North Carolina and South Carolina**



ARC FUNDING  
**\$450,000**

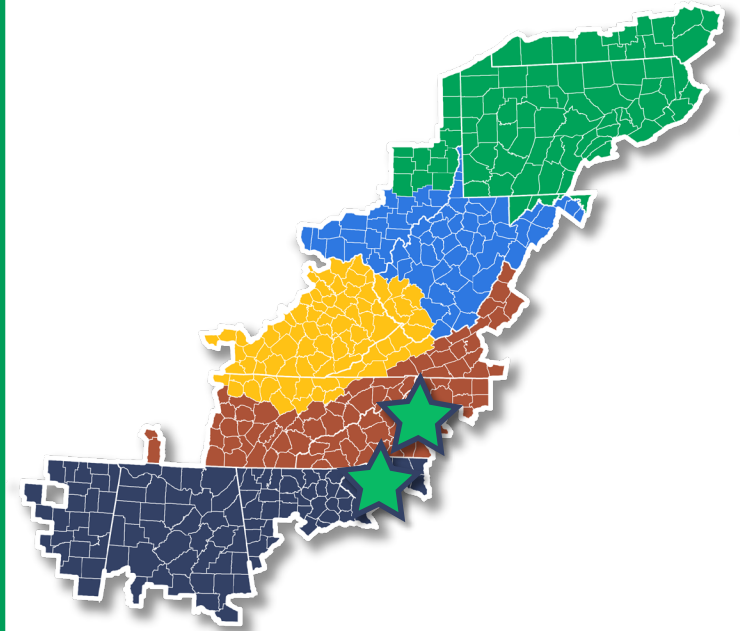


PARTNERS  
**Saluda Grade Trail Conservancy, PAL: Play. Advocate. Live Well., Upstate Forever, Spartanburg County, Polk County, Henderson County, Greenville County, City of Inman, City of Landrum, Town of Tryon, US Dept. of Transportation, Town of Campobello, City of Saluda, One Spartanburg, Tryon Downtown Development Association, Saluda Community Land Trust, Foothills Regional Commission, Foothills Chamber of Commerce, Polk County Community Foundation, Spartanburg County Foundation, NC State Parks, Made By Mountain**



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE  
**July 2024**

## STATES IMPACTED



## PROJECT SUMMARY

Impacting four counties, Conserving Carolina will use ARISE funds to continue collaboration with nearly two dozen partners to plan for a 31-mile rail-to-trail extension of the Saluda Grade Trail, connecting upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. Partners will also develop a number of comprehensive plans, including an environmental assessment, a property survey, a strategic community engagement plan, and regional economic and marketing plans.

Conserving Carolina and its partners bring a combined \$550,000 in matching funds to this project, which will serve six communities and create six plans to ultimately strengthen the economic impact of the Saluda Grade Trail in both states.