

# Great Allegheny Passage Trail Maintenance and Strategic Planning

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE  
**Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy**



STATES IMPACTED  
**Maryland and Pennsylvania**



ARC FUNDING  
**\$196,200**

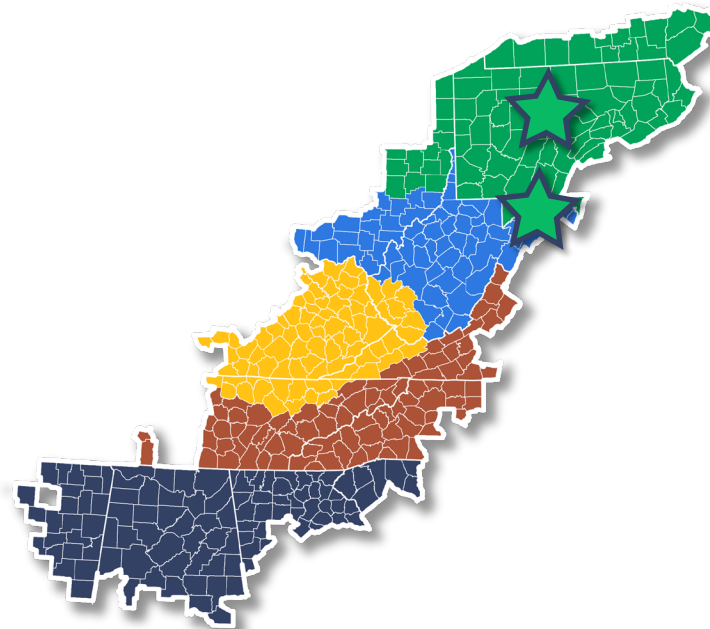


PARTNERS  
**Allegheny County, Somerset County, Ohiopyle State Park, Regional Trail Corporation, Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh, Point State Park, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, R.K. Mellon Foundation**



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE  
**July 2024**

## STATES IMPACTED



## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Conservancy and partners will create a strategic plan that guides the maintenance and sustainability of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP). Flooding, erosion, landslides and regular wear and tear threaten the physical infrastructure of the GAP trail — a 150-mile nonmotorized biking and hiking path connecting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cumberland, Maryland. In 2020 and 2021, there were nearly 1.5 million visits to the GAP, which resulted in approximately \$121 million in annual economic impact, across five counties in addition to supporting over 1,300 jobs in lodging, food, arts and other tourism sectors.

In collaboration with its partners, The GAP Conservancy will use funds to create two plans over the 12-month performance period: an implementation plan for deferred maintenance and infrastructural improvements and a strategic plan compiling and addressing priorities and concerns of each GAP segment owner and trail users. Project partners bring a combined \$183,225 in matching funds to this project.