

**ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES.
ONE GREAT TRAILS STATE.**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

VISION

The Great Trails State (GTS) is a planned network of shared-use trails of statewide significance connecting North Carolina's counties and population centers with state parks and important recreational assets. It is founded upon extensive local and regional efforts to plan and build trails. *The Great Trails State Plan will link communities to the great outdoors, while creating opportunities for transportation, conservation, recreation, education, physical health, environmental health, tourism, and economic prosperity.*

GOALS OF THE GREAT TRAILS STATE

The Great Trails State Plan and network seeks to connect all counties and key destinations throughout the state to a growing network of strategic greenways. Other principal goals of the plan include:

- Foster connections between urban and rural areas in all 100 counties
- Provide transportation options between where people live, work and play for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities
- Create opportunities for conservation, recreation, education, physical health, environmental health, tourism, and economic prosperity
- Identify resources needed to plan, design, construct and connect the system
- Facilitate multi-jurisdictional partnerships to support, develop, manage, and maintain the system



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KEY INPUTS

- Existing Trails
- Existing Trail Plans
- Key Destinations/State Parks
- Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting
- Bicycle Level of Service Network
- Green Infrastructure Network

PLANNING PROCESS

40 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



provided direction, representing NCDOT's 14 Divisions, 7 RPOs and MPOs, and relevant statewide departments and organizations.

600+ STAKEHOLDERS



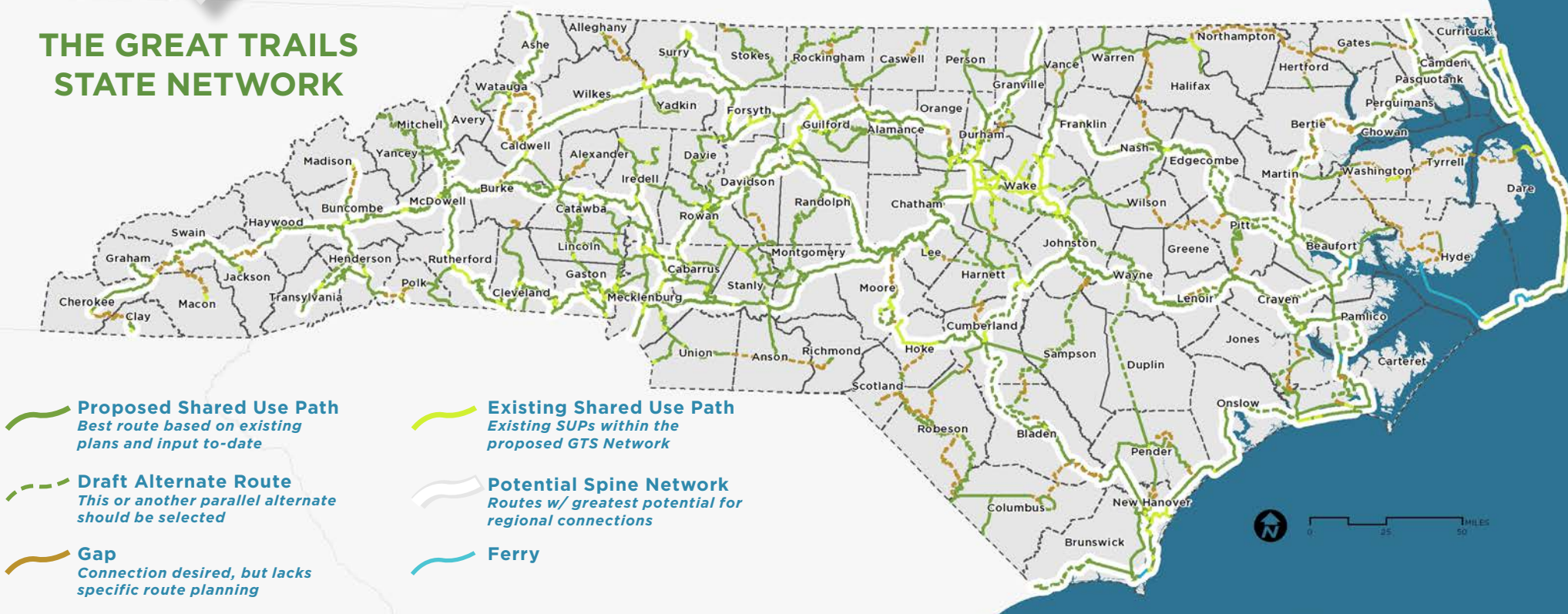
reviewed the proposed corridors, including town and county managers, planners, parks directors, land trusts, advocacy organizations, and many others.

11,000+ NC RESIDENTS



expressed support and shared ideas in public surveys, online input maps and plan review, including 850,000 of impressions on social media that generated awareness of the plan and process.

THE GREAT TRAILS STATE NETWORK





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DRAFT Great Trails State Network

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- Proposed Shared Use Path
- Draft Alternate Route
- Existing Shared Use Path
- Gap
- Ferry
- Lexington Black Creek Saretoga
- Stantonsburg Wals

State & National Trails

- East Coast Greenway
Goldsboro
Mountains to Sea State Trail

Other Features

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-  Municipalities
 Managed Areas
 County Boundary

GTS Network Segments

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- The map displays 11 scenic routes in North Carolina, each starting from a different point and ending at the Outer Banks. The routes are color-coded and numbered 1A through 1K. The background shows a map of the state with major cities and parks labeled. The routes are as follows:
- 1A** Roanoke Rapids to Gatesville
 - 1B** Gatesville to Merchants Millpond & Dismal Swamp State Parks
 - 1C** Elizabeth City to Dismal Swamp State Park
 - 1D** Elizabeth City to Outer Banks
 - 1E** Corolla to Nags Head
 - 1F** Nags Head to Ocracoke
 - 1G** Elizabeth City to Edenton
 - 1H** Edenton to Williamston
 - 1I** Williamston to Pettigrew State Park and Columbia
 - 1J** Columbia to Outer Banks
 - 1K** Plymouth to Lake Mattamuskeet and Swanquarter

