



TRAIL CONSTRUCTION NEWS OF YOUR GREENWAY IN 2017

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The Highlands Plateau Greenway's mission is to develop a system of walking and hiking trails that protect and connect the natural settings and historic sites of the Highland Plateau. The specific goal is to help pedestrians can get around town without having to walk on the streets. The Highlands Greenway was honored in 2010 as a National Recreation Trail.

During 2017 Greenway volunteers devoted over 500 hours on nineteen work days toward improving the current trail system. They transplanted ferns, flowers, and shrubs around the Gazebo and along the sides of many walkways, especially the Sled Run Trail, which serves as a major entrance to the Greenway Trail System.

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Funded by Mountain Findings, the Laurel and Mountain garden clubs, Old Edwards Inn, and generous contributions from members of the Greenway, they installed locusts posts and hand railings for added safety along the stone steps and steeper inclines of the Sled Run and Bear Pen Mountain trails and updated and reprinted the Greenway trail map.





They smoothed out the rough surfaces of the Bear Pen Trail to the Memorial Bench and marked the intersections of the Recreation Park trails with identifying names on carsonite posts.

They cleared fallen trees and branches from the paths that Hurricane Irma had left inaccessible.



Greenway work days are held monthly. Volunteers are always welcome to help with trail construction and maintenance. Trail maps are available at the Recreation Center, Visitor Center, and Hudson Library. For more information, visit www.highlandsgreenway.com or email highlandsgreenway@nctv.com.



Work is currently underway to improve the trail to the summit of Satulah Mountain and provide it with posts and hand rails. A long-range plan for more trail construction is under consideration. And a program has been proposed to introduce the youth of Highlands to the Greenway trail system. We hope you will join us in frequent use of the Greenway as a pleasant sylvan alternative to daily street traffic.