



TRAIL CONSTRUCTION NEWS OF YOUR GREENWAY IN 2018

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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 get around town without having to walk on the streets. The Highlands Greenway was honored in 2010 as a National Recreation Trail.

During 2018 Greenway volunteers devoted nearly 400 hours on fifteen work days toward improving the current trail system. They maintained the Rec Park, Oak Lane, and Sled Run trails, clearing the paths and replacing bridge rails, posts, and braces. They repaired the Greenway bench destroyed by Hurricane Irma on the Historical Society Trail, rehabilitated



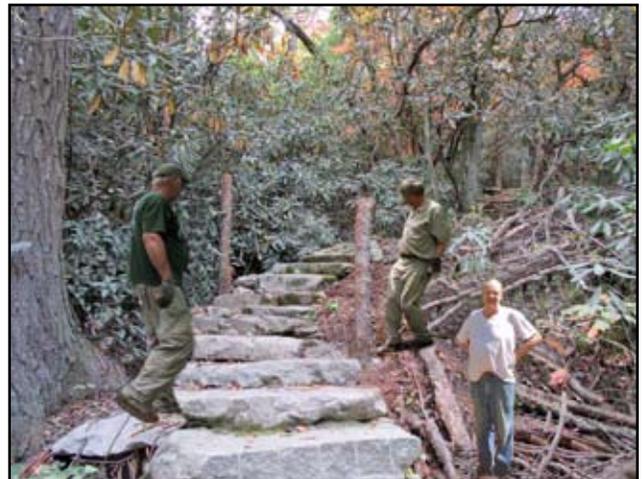
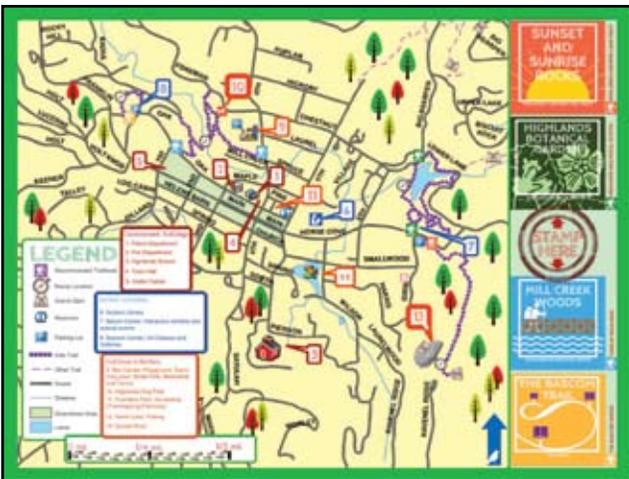
the Satulah Mountain Trail, and repaired the bridge where the Greenway ends at Thorn Park on Mirror Lake. They vastly improved the Botanical Garden Trail, installing gravel and mulch. They prepared and promoted a Greenway Passport Program for the Get Outside Fest in August. Young folks walked from Sunset Rock to the Botanical Garden Trail to the



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Bascom Trail to the Rec Park Loop Trail and received awards for getting their passports stamped at all four stations on the Greenway Trail. They accumulated a minimum of two hours of healthful outdoor walking. Volunteers repaired and installed rails along the Big Bear Pen stone steps. Finally, they



replaced rotted railroad ties with stone steps at the 4th Street entrance to the trail. Greenway received a generous grant from Mountain Findings, support from Greenway members, and the printing of our Greenway map by OEI. The Greenway misses Jim Askew, who cleared weeds on the whole trail.



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.