

Our Mission: To develop a system of walking and Hiking Trails that protect and connect the natural settings and historic sites of the Highlands Plateau.



## The Highlands Plateau Greenway

A 501 (c) 3 non profit organization

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# Highlands Greenway News

This year hundreds of people volunteered their time to help the Greenway. Our Volunteers devoted over 760 hours on 40 different work days to help with multiple projects including the construction of a new entrance and trail on Oak Street. We hope this new entrance will serve as a central hub for the Greenway trail system. In addition, volunteers maintained the trail system by cutting back vegetation, installing new hand rails, and replacing old ones. Many plants were transplanted on the trails and moved to prominent locations. We are so thankful for our many volunteers, donors, and supporting organizations who keep the Greenway trail system an important part of the Highlands community. We hope you will join our monthly work days and become a part of the team.



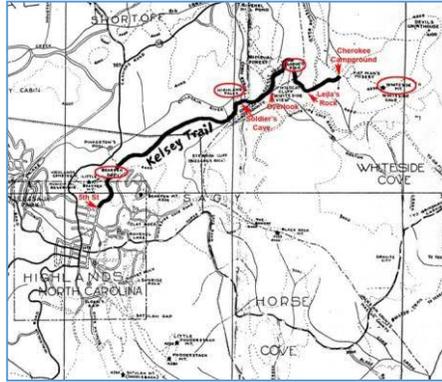
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**See you on the trail in 2020**

# Mr. Kelsey's Trail to Nowhere



In 1877 Samuel Kelsey, one of the founders of Highlands, began working on what would soon become the Kelsey Trail. This road, which started at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, eventually extended all the way to the top of Whiteside Mountain. This journey of four and a half miles from town to the mountain became a pilgrimage for residents and visitors alike. Due to development in our area, the trail no longer exists as a continuous path. Thanks to Greenway volunteers Ran Shaffner and Hillrie Quin, on July 5th of this year, over 50 participants were able to hike the Kelsey Trail from Whiteside Mountain back to town in time for lunch.

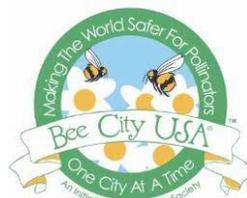
Participants heard about the history of the trail, took in the beautiful vistas, searched for garnets at Garnet Rock and even encountered a deserter from the Civil War near Soldier's Cave. We greatly appreciate all who made this hike possible.



**Jim Chance,  
Trail Worker of the year!**

## Highlands Supports Pollinators as a Bee City

Native pollinator species such as butterflies and bumblebees need our help to continue serving their important role in our ecosystem. The HPG is now supporting the Highlands Bee City initiative by planting more native wildflowers on the trail way. Thanks to funding from the Wild Azalea Garden Club, we will be including a beautiful new pollinator garden at the Oak Street entrance.



## How to help a Pollinator

- ✘ Plant native wildflowers
- ✘ Reduce pesticide use
- ✘ Create Habitat
- ✘ Contribute to HPG's Bee City campaign

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