



Blazing Trails for Community Health

Trails provide recreation and connect people to nature, opportunity, and each other. Trust for Public Land and Norfolk Southern are working together to expand access to outdoor spaces, boost local economies, and promote healthier communities.

Since 2022, Norfolk Southern has invested nearly \$1 million in TPL's Trails initiative to fund projects supporting urban, suburban, and rural trails, and the protection of the National Trails System. Through this collaboration, TPL started a first-of-its-kind fund, the Norfolk Southern Trail Activation Fund, which has supported 16 TPL projects across Norfolk Southern's 22-state network. Here are a few highlights:

- In **Cleveland, Ohio**, residents of the historically underserved Lee-Seville neighborhood look forward to a new mountain biking trail, designed with community input, at **Kerruish Park**.
- The **Chattahoochee RiverLands**, an ambitious, multigenerational effort that will stitch together 100 miles of public green space around **Atlanta, Georgia** is receiving support for ongoing community engagement and park planning in collaboration with Groundwork Atlanta.
- The historic **Major Taylor Trail** on the South Side of **Chicago, Illinois**, is being revitalized thanks to new master plan that will highlight the area's cultural importance while providing eight miles of easily accessible green space.
- In **Easton, Pennsylvania**, five sections of unused rail line will be repurposed as the **Easton Highline**, a new trail enabling residents to avoid an unsafe walking route, reach nearby parks, and connect with the Delaware and Lehigh Trail, a popular 144-mile recreation path through the Pocono Mountains.

Norfolk Southern supported these trail projects in the early stages of their development—which will ultimately lead to healthier communities and more vibrant places to live, work, and visit. This important partnership helped TPL transform underutilized land into functional trails, fostering health, equity, and economic vitality.



Chattahoochee Riverlands. PHOTO: SCAPE LANDSCAPE