



# *East Coast Greenway* Interim On-Road Routing Approval Process

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## Purpose for this policy

In May 2005, the ECGA Board of Trustees adopted the goal of creating a continuous route for walkers and cyclists by the end of 2006. The ECGA designation process, being oriented toward trails rather than on-road routes, has severely impacted the ability of the ECGA to officially adopt on-road routes as interim portions of the ECG. This policy acknowledges the differences between designating trails and on-road routes, and creates a new and more efficient means of officially bringing interim on-road routing into the continuous route of the East Coast Greenway. This process will be the standard means of establishing our on-road route although when that route is anticipated to be on-road indefinitely, a formal board adoption of that route may still be done.

## On-road (interim) route establishment process

1. **Define the route.** State Committees, with staff support, will make any needed revisions to our current interim on-road routes to meet on-road routing criteria, as adopted by the Board of Trustees on November 5, 2006, by working with our state volunteers and state and local partner agencies. They will consult bike route maps and cue sheets found on various web-based repositories and elsewhere and consult local bike clubs for best routing options. A draft map of this route will then be developed by ECGA staff.
2. **Inspect these routes.** A simplified route inspection format will be developed by ECGA staff and volunteers will be trained to do the inspections. These inspections would ideally include the checking of cue sheets in both north and southbound directions.
3. **Develop map of that route.** Staff will map this route in such a way that the information is accessible via the web by those people designated by ECGA to see it. These maps will show the interim route sections, completed trail and proposed permanent route including both spine and alternates. These maps may be posted on our web site with free access to all, or may be placed on a password-protected location with access limited to those working to build the ECG and to dues-paying members of the ECGA.
4. **Develop Cue Sheets.** Based on field inspection data, staff will develop cue sheets and will work with volunteer inspectors to do a field check of these cue sheets. They will then be posted on the password-protected portion of our web site.
5. **Develop print maps of the continuous route.** As financial support becomes available, we will make print maps of the route. If allowed under restrictions imposed by funding sources, they will be sold by the ECGA. In any event, ECGA will seek copyright ownership of all print maps.