



Trailbuilding Progress



2005 was an exciting year for the ECG. The Launch of the "Close the Gaps" Campaign, a 5 year strategy for organizational changes, strategic partnerships, and fundraising aimed at fast-tracking trail completion, gave us a clear blueprint for defining and achieving our goals.

Accomplishments

ECGA completed a detailed assessment of all 284 trail segments and completed one of sixteen 2006 Blueprints for Action (NH).

New England

Opening of a new half-mile section of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in New Haven, CT, including a short piece on the campus of Yale University.

Signing of an agreement between Newburyport and the Massachusetts Transportation Authority allowing the city access to critical lands that are slated to become part of the 30-mile Border to Boston Trail.

Opening of the first section of the Blackstone River Bikeway in Massachusetts, nearly 3 miles long in Worcester and Millbury.

Advancement of a critical piece of Maine's Eastern Trail via the granting by a private landowner to the Eastern Trail Alliance of an easement for three-quarter miles of trail west of the Nonesuch River in Scarborough, ME.



Workers complete the Pratt Bridge on the Blackstone River Bikeway.

Southern Region

Opening of the Arthur Ravenel Bridge across the Cooper River in Charleston, the nation's longest cable-stay bridge, which includes a 12-ft-wide bike-ped lane, separated from traffic, that serves as the ECG route across the Cooper River.

Groundbreaking for the 54-mile Virginia Capital Trail, which will connect Richmond to historic Jamestown and Williamsburg, and will be part of the ECG's Historic Coastal Route from Richmond to Wilmington, NC.



David Brickley, Chair, ECG Virginia Committee (left), and former VA Governor Mark Warner at the VA Capital Trail

Mid-Atlantic

Installation of ECG signage on 7.5 miles of trail in Prince Georges County, MD.

Installation of ECG signage along the entire 17-mile route through Union County, NJ, both on-road and off-road.

Opening of the 1.5-mile Black Brook Park Trail, Union County, NJ.

CLOSE THE GAPS

The Close the Gaps Campaign aims to meet these goals by 2010:

Complete 100% of the Trail as a continuous on and off road route

Produce cue sheets for entire route and user maps from New York to Washington, DC

Mark at least 50% of the route with ECG signage

Move 80% of the trail off road in the areas where 80 % of the people live

Undertake routing studies for all "gap" areas of five or more miles and move them toward development as trail

Create a fully-completed, model section of trail at least 100 miles long with signs, maps, kiosks, and amenities for long distance users

Upgrade on-road sections by adding sidewalks, shoulders, and bike lanes



ECGA launched an ECG Chamber of Commerce in 2005. Currently members include businesses involved in various phases of trail planning and development. They are recognized for their support on the ECG website. Their funding helps advance the ECG trail system.

2005 Chamber of Commerce Members:

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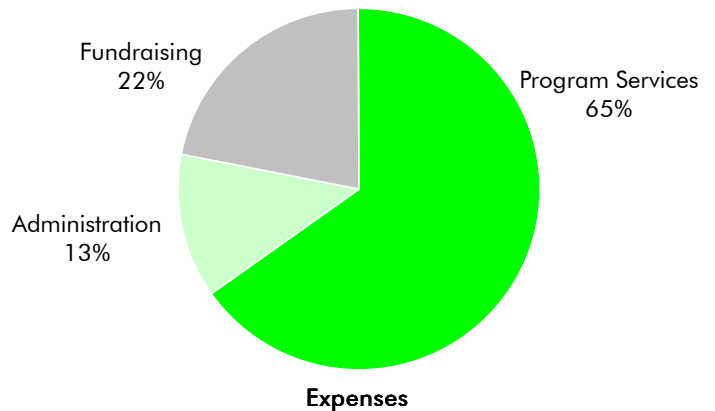
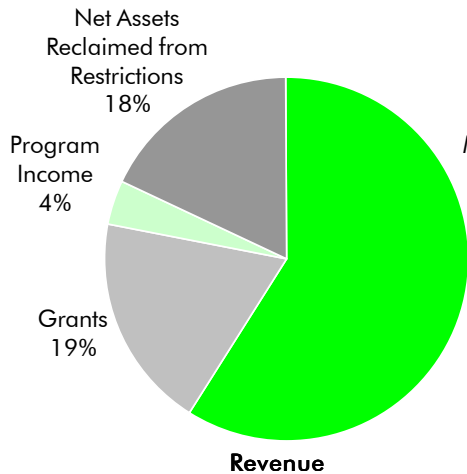
Financial Statement

Through direct mail, appeals and renewals, the ECGA increased its members to 5,000 in 2005. A major donor appeal raised \$117,000, exceeding our goal of \$100,000. The Surdna Foundation made a 3-year commitment to the "Close the Gaps" Campaign of \$100,000 per year. Net assets grew by over \$8,000.



ECGA Executive Director Karen Votava accepts a check from REI at an event in their Framingham, MA store.

Statement of Activities	
Revenue	
Memberships/Contributions	\$ 312,187
Grants	\$ 101,123
Program Income	<u>\$ 18,642</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 431,952
Net Assets reclaimed from restrictions	<u>\$ 94,288</u>
	\$ 525,240
Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 293,362
Administration	\$ 59,342
Fundraising	<u>\$ 100,152</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 452,856
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 73,384
Decrease in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 65,078
Net Assets	
Net assets: January 1, 2005	\$ 139,927
Net assts: December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 148,233</u>
Change in net assets	\$ 8,306



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