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**David Dionne Elected Chairman, ECGA Board of Trustees
January 12, 2001**

The East Coast Greenway Alliance Board of Trustees has announced the election of David Dionne as its new Chair, commencing January 1, 2001. David assumes the leadership of the Board from Patricia King, who has chaired the board since its inception in 1998. Ms. King was a founding member of the Alliance, which was launched in 1991. She has made significant contributions to organizational development including establishing 501(c)3 standing with the IRS, helping to frame bylaws, and forging a partnership with Amtrak. Ms. King will fulfill her remaining Board term which ends on December 31, 2001.

David Dionne brings significant resources to the task of leading the East Coast Greenway Alliance into the new millennium. A professional park manager, Dave is Superintendent of the B&A and BWI Trails (two segments of the East Coast Greenway) in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. His experience in managing multi-use trails provides important insights into the trail user issues that the ECG will need to address as travelers from distant locations join local trail users on the enormously popular community trails that comprise our system. He has also served as a member of the Green Ribbon Panel of the Millennium Trails Council. Dave has chaired both the Maryland State Committee for the ECG and the ECGA Trails Committee. He will guide the ECGA toward its goal of completing this 2600 mile Maine to Florida city-to-city route by the year 2010. At present, over 200 miles are complete and designated.

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