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## **JAMES F. FALL TRAIL BECOMES PART OF EAST COAST GREENWAY**

*Trail users will be able to travel safely from Newark to east coast destinations*

You may think of the James F. Hall Trail as a pleasant place for a walk or bike ride, or perhaps as a safe way to travel through Newark, but have you ever thought of it as a way to get to Florida or Canada? On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Hall Trail was officially designated as part of the East Coast Greenway, a continuous, 3,000-mile trail that stretches from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida.

The 1.75-mile paved trail that allows locals to walk, bicycle, in-line skate, or roll their wheelchairs safely, away from traffic, will now welcome tourists to Newark. As part of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) trail network, the Hall Trail will attract non-motorized, recreational tourists to explore the region rich in culture and history. With access to three city parks and public transportation connections, the Hall Trail is an ideal addition to the ECG.

While nearly 100 trails along the east coast are part of the ECG trail system, the Hall Trail is Delaware's first trail to be designated and locally endorsed as ECG. Newark City Manager Carl Luft endorsed the designation, and stated that the city will work with the East Coast Greenway Alliance to install and maintain ECG trail markers to help long-distance travelers find their way.

A two-mile extension of the Hall Trail is planned for the coming years, providing a link to the central and northern sections of Newark and additional paved trail for the ECG. An additional 12 miles of trail throughout Delaware are on schedule to be designated as ECG in the spring, inviting travelers to tour many of the area's museums, historic landmarks, and beautiful landscape right from downtown Wilmington.

Often referred to as an "urban Appalachian Trail", the ECG passes through 15 states and Washington, D.C., linking cities and towns along the way using urban greenways, park paths, abandoned railroad corridors, waterfront esplanades, and scenic roads. Nearly a quarter of the route is already on traffic-free, firm-surface trail, while much of the remainder – largely on roads best suited for experienced cyclists for now – is currently in development. Eventually the entire trail will be off-road, allowing families and people of all abilities to travel safely from city-to-city, state-to-state, or within their own community without the use of motorized transportation.

The project is spearheaded by the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), a non-profit organization based in Wakefield, Rhode Island. While the ECGA itself does not build trail, it supplies vision for connecting local trails and provides strategic assistance for states, counties and municipal jurisdictions that do build trail. The entire route will be publicly owned and operated and free for all to use.

For more information about the East Coast Greenway, please visit: [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org)

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