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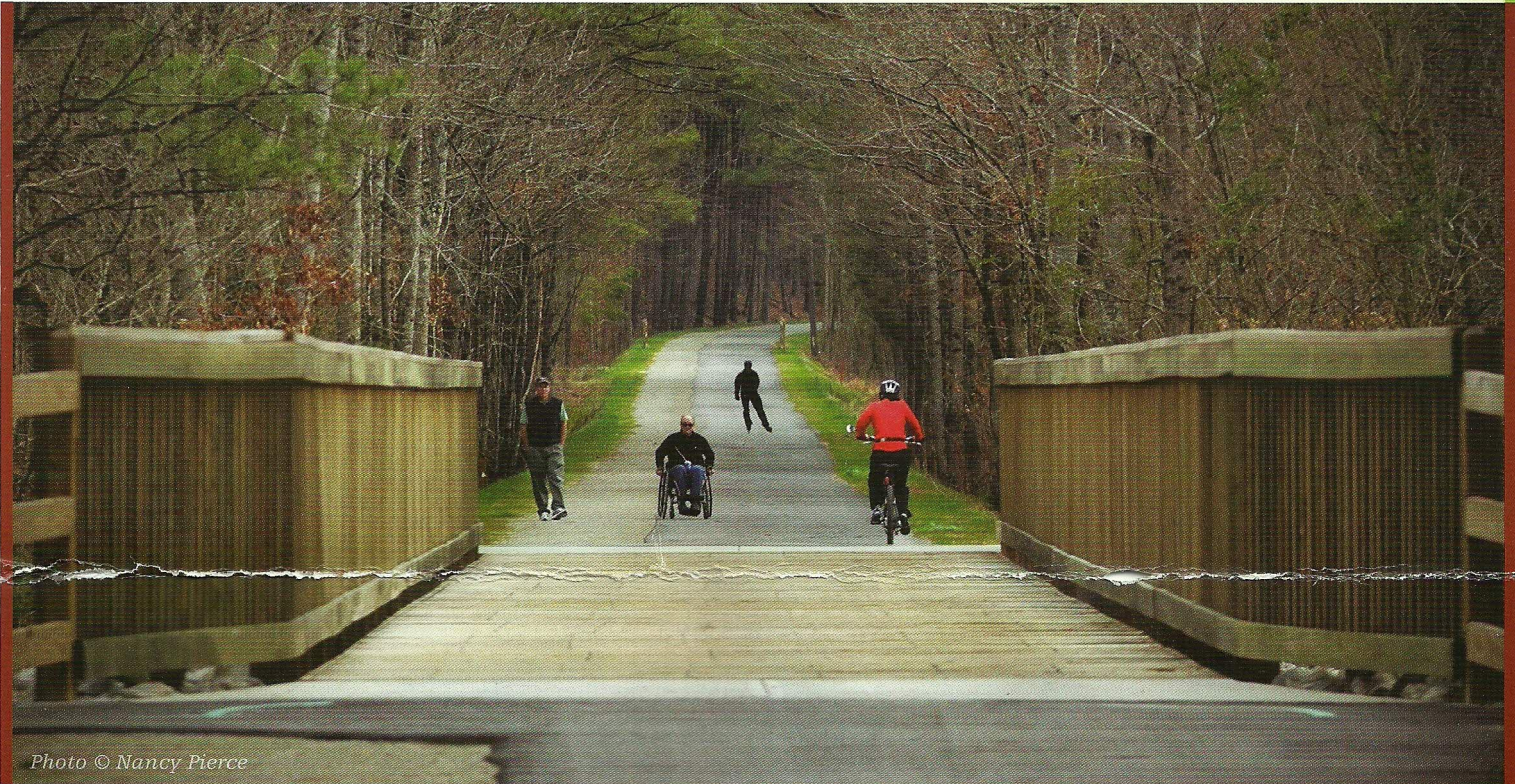


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NORTH CAROLINA'S PREMIERE RAIL-TRAIL: The American Tobacco Trail

It's the longest rail-trail in North Carolina and still growing. When a four-mile gap is closed with a bridge over I-40 in mid-2012, the American Tobacco Trail (ATT) will offer users 22 contiguous miles from downtown Durham south through Durham, Chatham and Wake Counties.

The former Norfolk Southern Rail corridor was so popular as an unofficial trail after its abandonment in 1979 that Durham City and County resolved in 1987 to protect all unused or abandoned rail corridors for trail use. North Carolina Rail-Trails' co-founder, AL Capehart, was

THE CHATHAM COUNTY SECTION OF THE ATT FEATURES A DUAL SURFACE AND BOARDWALK BRIDGES OVER MULTIPLE CREEKS AND WETLAND AREAS.

instrumental in garnering early support for the trail and the creation of the Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy. TRTC (formed in 1989) continues to be the primary advocate and volunteer base for the ATT. In 1992, an ATT master plan was approved by the counties and NCDOT. Eight years later, in 2000, the first major

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