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A 12.5 mile walking and biking rails-to-trails project in Washington County, VA

Brief history

- Commercial operations ceased in the 1970s, scenic excursion railroad last ran early 1980s
- Trail property transferred spring 2016 to Mountain Heritage, Inc.
- First mile of trail opened on Mendota end 10/2017, three more miles on Bristol end 08/2019
- Property transferred to Mendota Trail Conservancy, Inc. 10/2020
- Two more miles opened 11/2020 after restoring Trestle 3, one more mile opened 07/2021

Funding

- To date, over 80% has been from private donations, in the form of dollars and in-kind support
- Has also benefited from corporate gifts, private foundations, Washington County support, Virginia state appropriations, and a Federal Highway Administration grant



Trestle 3, July 2019



Trestle 3, November 2020

Immediate and short-term goals

- Complete restoration of three trestles on the Mendota end, already funded, by late fall of 2021
- Repair 04/2020 landslide damage at mile marker 6.1
- Complete 4 additional trestles on the Mendota end by July 2022, funded by VA appropriation

Financial needs going forward

- **To complete the full trail, 6 more trestles require funding for restoration with an anticipated total need of \$390,000**
- Please contact us concerning trestle naming opportunities or other gifting options.....
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