On March 10, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision in the case involving a rail corridor formerly on federal land that is now privately owned (Marvin M. Brandt Revocable Trust et al. v. United States). The ruling affects a specific type of rail corridor that does not meet the criteria below.

How will the decision affect my local rail-trail?

If you answer YES to ANY of the following questions, your local rail-trail will NOT be affected by the Supreme Court decision.

- Has the rail-trail been railbanked?*
- Was the corridor originally acquired by the RR through federal lands before 1875?
- Was the RR corridor originally acquired from a private landowner?
- Does the trail manager own the land adjacent to the RR corridor?
- Has the trail manager acquired full title (fee simple) to the corridor?
- Does the RR corridor fall within one of the original 13 colonies?

Questions about a specific trail? Please contact the manager of that trail or contact RTC at railtrails@railstotrails.org.

*Railbanking is the federal process of preserving former railway corridors for potential future railway service by converting them to multi-use trails in the interim.

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