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Group Calls for Final Connections to the Grand History Trail

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A group of bicyclists from York County, Pennsylvania, are going on a six-day ride to raise support for completion of the proposed Grand History Trail, a 300-mile regional trail network that will link the rich historical regions of southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

When complete, the trail system will take users on a circular tour through 250 years of American history via Washington, D.C.; Baltimore and Annapolis in Maryland; and York, Hanover and Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

Several rails-trails and multiuse greenways are already complete, including the C&O Canal Towpath, the Baltimore-Annnapolis Trail, the Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail and the York County Heritage Rail Trail. Approximately 100 miles remain to be completed.

“There is much work to be done to develop the missing links in the route,” says Angela Eveler, one of the advocates for the Grand History Trail. “We want to raise awareness for the route and push its development forward so cyclists and others have a safe, practical way to travel this remarkable stretch of country.”

The group will meet with local elected officials and municipal planners along the path to draw attention to the recreational and economic benefits of the Grand History Trail. The ride will kick off on Sept. 5, at 9:30 a.m., from the Colonial Court House in York, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit the Grand History Trail website at www.grandhistorytrail.org.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), a nonprofit organization with more than 160,000 members and supporters, is the nation’s largest trails organization dedicated to connecting people and communities by creating a nationwide network of public trails, many from former rail lines and connecting corridors. Founded in 1986, RTC’s national office is located in Washington, D.C., with regional offices in California, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.railstotrails.org.