The East Coast Greenway (ECG) will be a traffic-free trail, nearly 3,000 miles long, connecting cities and towns from the Canadian border at Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida. Linking together publicly owned, firm-surface trails, the ECG is emerging as a safe route for exercise, recreation, and transportation for the 30 million Americans who live near the route and as a tourism destination for millions of visitors.

The ECG connects 15 states plus the District of Columbia, passing through major cities and hundreds of smaller cities, towns, and villages. Along the way, the route links diverse landscapes, from Maine's storied rocky coast to the palm-fringed sandy beaches of Southern Florida. Trail users will encounter myriad treasures of the American experience, including state capitals; college campuses; local, state, and national park systems; and outstanding cultural, historical, and natural landmarks.

The project is spearheaded by the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), a nonprofit organization. Although the ECGA itself does not build the trail, it promotes the vision for connecting local trails and provides strategic assistance for states, counties, and municipalities that do build trails.

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