# GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2010 RRRC Living Towns
Culpeper Planning Workshop

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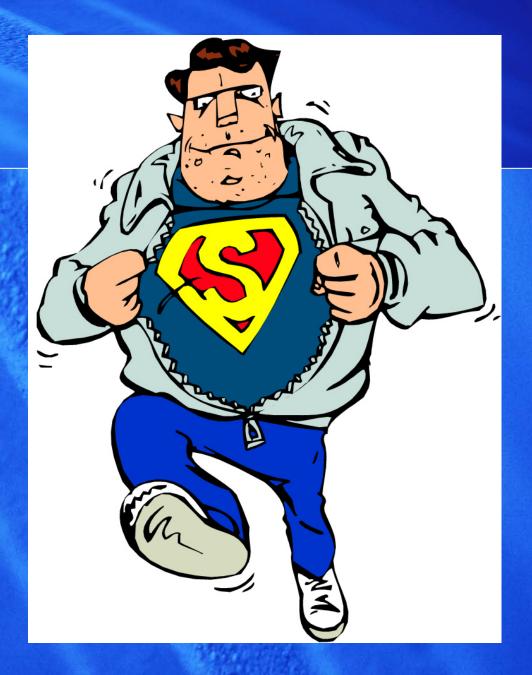






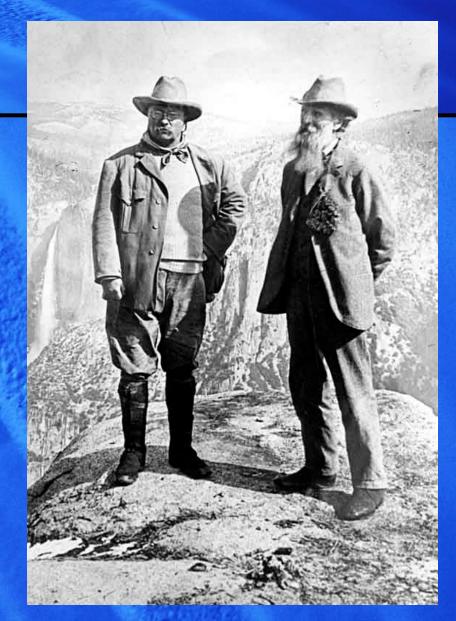


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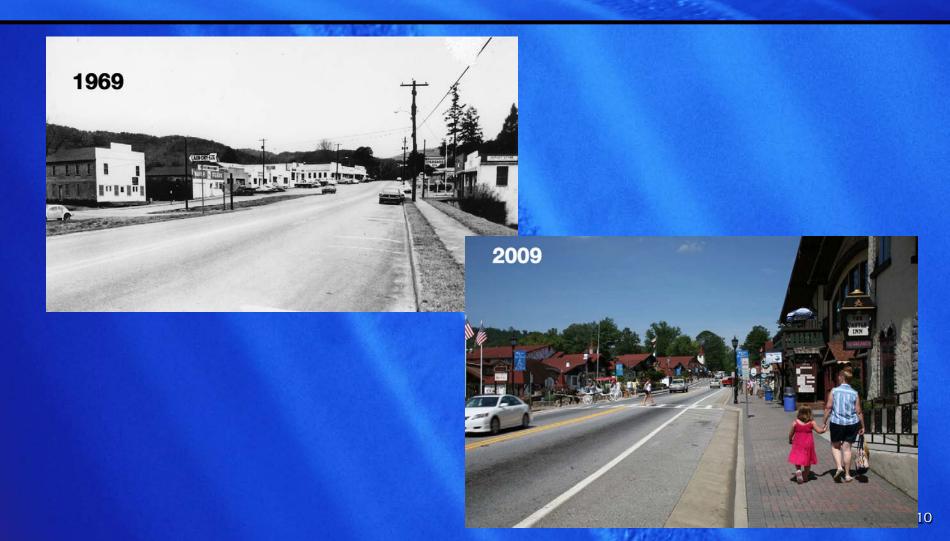
"In utilizing and conserving the natural resources of the Nation, the one characteristic more essential than any other is foresight"

President Theodore Roosevelt Jamestown, Virginia June 10, 1907



## HELEN, GEORGIA

### **BEFORE**



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#### **AFTER**



## MONEY MAGAZINE'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE - 2010

- 1. EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
- 2. COLUMBIA, ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND
- 3. NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- 4. BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
- 5. MCKINNEY, TEXAS



TOURISM AND TRAVEL IS ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST INDUSTRIES. IN 2008 THERE WERE \$740 BILLION SPENT IN DIRECT TRAVEL EXPENDITURES BY DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS.

THE TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRY
REPRESENTS ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST
EMPLOYERS WITH 7.7 MILLION DIRECT TRAVELGENERATED JOBS AT \$189 BILLION IN TRAVELGENERATED PAYROLL

VIRGINIA TOURISM IS A \$19 BILLION/ YEAR INDUSTRY EMPLOYING 210,000 PEOPLE

TOURISTS SPEND "GREEN MONEY" WHICH DON'T REQUIRE GOVERNMENT SERVICES THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES NEED

#### "COMPACT, WALKABLE DEVELOPMENTS CAN PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS THROUGH HIGHER SALE PRICES, ENHANCED MARKETABILITY AND FASTER SALES OR LEASES THAN CONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENT"

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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH EDITORIAL August 21, 2006

"WHEN JURISDICTIONS APPROVE NEW SUBDIVISIONS, CORPORATE CAMPUSES, AND SHOPPING MALLS, THEY OUGHT TO CONSIDER REQUIRING DEVELOPERS TO CREATE TRAILS AND PATHS. INDEED, EVEN NOW SMART DEVELOPERS OFTEN INCLUDE TRAILS IN THEIR GREENSWARDS."

"TRAILS BELONG IN ALL REGIONS AND IN ALL TYPES OF COMMUNITIES – RURAL, SUBURBAN, AND URBAN. IT WILL BE TO SOCIETY'S LASTING BENEFIT IF ENTHUSIASM FOR TRAILS PROVES MORE THAN A FAD."







"OPEN SPACES SUCH AS PARKS AND RECREATION AREA CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON NEARBY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES, AND CAN LEAD TO PROPORTIONATELY HIGHER PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS"

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