

2008 Annual Report



*Friends of the*  
MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL







Jim Suiter



Glenn Strouhal



Glenn Strouhal

Dear Members and Friends of the MST:

2008 was a year of great progress on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and staff, generosity of members and partners, and public enthusiasm for North Carolina's flagship trail. Thank you for your help in making the year such a success.

I am pleased to submit this annual report of our accomplishments. Highlights include:

- ***More volunteers helped build and maintain the trail*** than ever before. As a result, more than 15 new miles of trail were built and hundreds of miles were maintained.
- ***Volunteers stepped up to help in other ways:*** by recruiting new members, staffing festival booths, producing an e-newsletter, helping in the office and assisting with many other tasks.
- More than 1000 people participated in our first annual ***Mountains-to-Sea Trail Month*** by hiking, backpacking, paddling, biking, and learning about the trail at slideshows and nature programs.
- The NC Division of Parks & Recreation made grants totaling ***\$8.5 million to acquire land for the trail in Guilford, Alamance, Orange and Johnston counties.*** The land already purchased or under contract will provide approximately eight miles of new trail and camping.
- ***An archeologist approved the route for the final stretch of trail between Blowing Rock and NC 16,*** clearing the way for the South Ashe and the Watauga volunteer task forces to close that trail gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Newspapers, magazines and blogs gave the MST extraordinary press coverage this year. A highlight was the ***Raleigh News & Observer's series*** that ran once-a-month on Sunday's front-page from June to September.

This was also FMST's first year with a staff member – Executive Director, Kate Dixon, who started work on January 7 2008. She comes to us with a strong background in nonprofit management, land conservation and environmental advocacy, and she has already been a huge help to the board and volunteers as we work to get this trail on the ground.

I look forward to working with you to make 2009 even more successful for the trail.

Sincerely,

Jeff D. Brewer  
Board President



Jim Suiter



Rebecca Walling



## TRAIL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

In 2008, FMST Task Forces continued to maintain approximately 425 miles of trail (approximately 60 miles on the Outer Banks need to be adopted by volunteers).

In addition, three Task Forces built approximately 15 miles of new trail in three areas:

- Blue Ridge Parkway – US-421 to US-321 – with the Watauga Task Force
- Blue Ridge Parkway – NC-16 to US-421 – with the South Ashe Task Force
- Falls Lake – NC-50 to Rolling View – with the Falls Lake Task Force

Almost every weekend in 2008, trail was being built and maintained somewhere in the state. FMST hosted statewide trail days on June 7 (National Trails Day) and September 27 (National Public Lands Day) to construct, maintain, or research the MST. The FMST hosted two “Big Digs” along the Blue Ridge Parkway to assist the South Ashe and Watauga task forces.

The Carolina Mountain Club (CMC) continued its diligent work from Balsam Gap (south) to Soco Gap, working under the guidelines of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Trail construction started on the Blue Ridge Parkway between US-421 and US-321 during the spring of 2008. The Watauga Task Force flagged and prepared the MST for archeological studies south from US-421 for approximately four miles. This study is now complete.

The South Ashe Task Force continued trail construction on the Blue Ridge Parkway from NC-16 south towards US-421. Approximately four miles were constructed in 2008 as work-days were held twice monthly on this section.

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Eno River State Park agreed to a routing of the trail through its boundaries, and Fred Dietrich and Jennie Tenor have agreed to be the Task Force Leaders to build this section of trail.

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Trail construction at Falls Lake continued from Rolling View State Recreation Area towards Hickory Hill Boat Ramp near I-85. Approximately 7.5 miles were built in 2008 by the Falls Lake Task Force. As many as 115 volunteers have turned out at workdays due to great publicity in the local paper and a meetup.com group established by FMST members Will and Donna Farmer.

FMST assisted the Carteret County Wildlife Club and US Forest Service in the Croatan Forest by hosting workdays on the Neusiok Trail/MST in January. Approximately 1,000 yards of boardwalk were installed along with regular trail maintenance on this 21-mile section.

As in the past, trail volunteers have shown an impressive record of work on the MST.

Task Force	Hours Worked
Carolina Mountain Club	5,370
Central Blue Ridge Task Force	545
Bald Knob Task Force	144
Outward Bound School Task Force	609
Watauga Task Force	2,024
South Ashe Task Force	1,281
North Ashe Task Force	283
Alleghany Task Force	136
Sauratown Trails Association	936
Greensboro Task Forces	402
Falls Lake Task Force	6,088
Croatan Task Force & Carteret Wildlife Club	359
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>18,177</b>

Our documented hours of work represent \$181,765 of in-kind services. See the list of volunteers who contributed more than 75 hours or more of work on the trail at the end of this annual report.

## HIKERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE TRAIL

One thru-hiker, Scot Ward of Lexington, Kentucky, completed the trail in 2008. Others continue to section hike the MST.



Scot Ward

Thanks to volunteer Arthur Kelley, visitors to our website can now find more up-to-date GPS maps of the trail. We also continue to aid people interested in hiking the trail by connecting them with others who have hiked the trail before them.

## NEW LAND AND EASEMENTS (WEST TO EAST)

The MST officially became recognized as a National Recreation Trail wherever it crosses land in the National Forests. This includes sections of trail in the Nantahala, Pisgah, and Croatan National Forests.

A National Park Service archeologist approved the route for the final stretch of trail between Blowing Rock and NC 16, clearing the way for the South Ashe and the Watauga task forces to close that trail gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In Spring 2008, the NC Division of Parks and Recreation and the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments released a brochure showing primary and alternate routes for the MST from Stone Mountain State Park to Greensboro. Local governments were asked to seek approval of the proposed routes from their elected officials. To date, Guilford and Rockingham counties have adopted the proposed trail routes.

State Parks designated a mile of trail on the Haw River in Swepsonville as part of the MST. Although the current hiking route does not connect to this land yet, Haw River Trails is working hard in Alamance County to acquire additional land for the trail in this area.





- Completed Footbed
- Bike Route/Temporary Roadwalk

Map is courtesy of NC Division of Parks and Recreation.

The NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund approved grants totaling \$8.5 million to purchase land for the trail. FMST members who attended the 2008 Conference of Task Force Leaders will remember NC Parks Director Lewis Ledford's pledge to work for *at least* \$1 million in funding for the MST each year. These \$8.5 million in grants were an exciting beginning to mark that new level of commitment to the MST by State Parks.

To date the State has used the grants to acquire land in Guilford and Johnston counties:

2 • *Guilford County* matched its portion of these grants so that it and State Parks could acquire two tracts totaling 440 acres of beautiful hardwood forest that will extend the trail approximately five miles from Lake Townsend toward the Haw River State Park. This land will be managed by the City of Greensboro.

5 • State Parks closed on 330 acres on the Neuse River in *Johnston County* just over the Wake County line with help from the Trust for Public Land and Triangle Land Conservancy. This tract provides a 300-foot-wide corridor for the trail along the river and also has land for camping. The Town of Clayton is to manage the land for State Parks. Since

Raleigh and Wake County have committed to finish their section of the trail by 2012, this new land should quickly become part of an uninterrupted trail corridor extending more than 60 miles from Falls Lake.

3 The Eno River Association also helped acquire land for the trail by transferring 65 acres in Orange County to the Eno River State Park. This land is part of a missing link in the park and trail route along the Eno River. The State considers the tract a nationally-significant natural heritage area because of the occurrence of rare mussels. It is covered in hardwood forest and includes a high bluff overlooking the river. It is also the site of an old slave cemetery.

5 Portofino, a new subdivision near Clayton in Johnston County, has already built about 1/2 mile of the MST on the Neuse River. The developers are excited about the trail and have urged adjacent landowners to extend the trail onto their land.

### EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT THE TRAIL

For the first time the FMST hosted "MST Month" in October. Over 60 events were held and more than 1000 people participated in day hikes, backpacking trips, trail work days, bike rides, paddles and nature and educational programs.



Bruce Wisely

The MST received much press coverage in newspapers and blogs. A highlight was the *Raleigh News and Observer's* four-part summer series about the MST. The MST also received coverage in several magazines including *American Hiking Society*, *Our State*, and *Backpacker*.

FMST's website ([www.ncmst.org](http://www.ncmst.org)) has proven to be an effective way to inform the general public about the MST, and the physical website doubled its size in 2008. Approximately 2500 people visit the MST site on a daily basis. Several hikers have listed their MST adventures on Trails Journals ([www.trailjournals.com](http://www.trailjournals.com)).

FMST began an e-newsletter in July, and the distribution list for this newsletter has now grown to 2300 friends. We developed a new membership brochure, powerpoint presentation and display which was used at five festivals.

In 2008, volunteers helped with many tasks in addition to building and maintaining trail. This table gives you a picture of how people helped and how many hours were donated.

MST Month	419
Staffing Festival Booths	145
Mapping the Trail	100
Media Relations	66
Membership & Outreach Committee	50
Acquiring New Trail Corridor	48
By-law Revision Committee	46
E-Newsletter	30
Bookkeeping	24
Graphic Design	16
Shipment of Merchandise	10
Advocacy with Governments	9
MST License Plate Committee	8
Mailing Parties	8
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>979</b>

The value of these hours is calculated to be approximately \$18,556 of in-kind service to the MST.

### RAISING FUNDS FOR THE TRAIL

In addition to the \$8.5 million in state funding to be used to acquire new land for the trail, 2008 saw an increase in trail construction grants and in the amount of private and corporate funding for the trail.

A new FMST committee focused for the first time on encouraging trail enthusiasts to become members of FMST. Thanks to their efforts, we finished 2008 with 271 members, four times the number we had in 2007.

The committee also established the 1000-Mile Society to recognize donors who give \$1000 or who volunteer at least 75 hours and donate



\$500. Eleven members joined this Society in its inaugural year.

Other important donors in 2008 were Great Outdoor Provision Co. and Johnson Subaru, our corporate sponsors for Mountains-to-Sea Trail Month. Great Outdoor Provision Co. also generously sponsors breakfast for our trail workers at Falls Lake.

FMST received two new generous grants for trail construction: a state Adopt-a-Trail (\$3,000) grant and a federal Recreational Trail Program (RTP) (\$75,000) grant. The Adopt-a-Trail grant paid for the archeological studies along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The RTP grant will be used to construct a 100-foot steel bridge at Falls Lake.

## ADVOCACY

In 2008, FMST organized a coalition of trail groups to seek additional funding from the NC Legislature and now through the proposed federal economic stimulus package which is expected to pass Congress in February 2009.

The FMST continued its support as an Alliance Member of American Hiking Society's Southeastern Trails Coalition and as a member in the Land Trust Alliance on a national level. We know that in order to complete the MST we must engage in the land trust community.

## ORGANIZATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

On January 7, Kate Dixon began work as FMST's first Executive Director. The FMST hosted the Annual Conference of Task Force Leaders on February 2, 2008 to continue our organized support of the MST. In April, we opened a post office box and an office in Raleigh. Board President Jeff Brewer received national recognition for his leadership when he was selected by American Trails to be North Carolina's recipient of its State Trail Advocacy award.

"B" Townes, Vice President for Development at Wilkes Community College and a member of FMST's South Ashe Task Force, was elected to the board to take the seat of Bob Benner who retired after several terms on the board. Bob will continue to serve as Leader of the Central Blue Ridge Task Force.

Emily Grogan, Steven Joines and Bruce Wisely were elected to new three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Allen de Hart, after serving ably as FMST's Board Treasurer for eleven years, stepped down from that role to focus on his work as Project Director and a new edition of his guidebook, *Hiking North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail*. Bruce Wisely agreed to succeed Allen as Treasurer.

The MST is an on-going project that relies on volunteer efforts to move it forward as the flagship trail across North Carolina.

This report was submitted to the Board of Directors, Task Force Leaders, and members at the Eleventh FMST Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Bur-Mil Park, Greensboro, North Carolina. The report was prepared in accordance with Article IV, Section 5 of the FMST By-Laws which require that an annual report be made on the status of our organization and the trail.



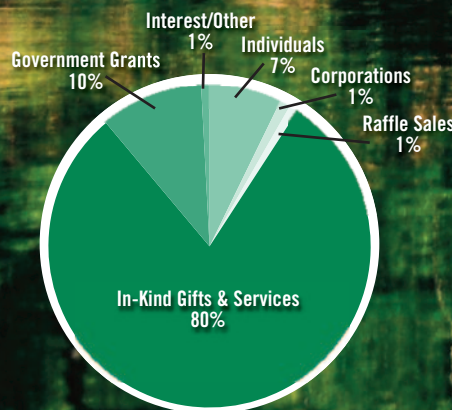
Arthur Kelley

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	31-Dec-08	31-Dec-07	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Certificates of Deposit	46,701	42,701	4,000
Other Current Assets			
Sales Tax Receivable	1,070	0	1,070
Fixed Assets			
Equipment & Trailer	3,927	3,102	
Less Depreciation	(1,368)	(443)	
	2,559	2,659	(100)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>50,330</b>	<b>45,360</b>	<b>4,970</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Current Liabilities	1,670	0	(1,670)
Equity			
Unrestricted	45,660	40,360	
Temporarily Restricted	3,000	5,000	
Total Equity	48,660	45,360	3,300
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$50,330</b>	<b>\$45,360</b>	<b>\$4,970</b>

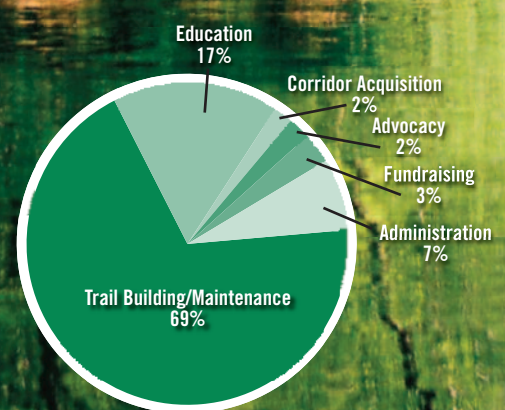
### SOURCES OF INCOME

TOTAL INCOME: \$332,720  
JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008



### EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AREA

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$329,894  
JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008







## FMST MEMBERS IN 2008

### 1000-Mile Society Members (# of years an FMST member)

Jeff and Amy Brewer, Raleigh (9)  
Allen de Hart, Louisburg (9)  
Crawford Crenshaw and Laurie Dunn, Raleigh (1)  
Kate Dixon and Dan Wilkinson, Raleigh (2)  
Garrison-Cole Design, Raleigh (1)  
GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park (1)  
Great Outdoor Provision Co. (8)  
Johnson Subaru, Cary (1)  
Margaret Parker, Chapel Hill (1)  
Restoration Systems, Raleigh (1)  
"B" and Martha Townes, Boomer (2)

### Matching Gift Companies

ExxonMobil  
Progress Energy  
Wachovia Foundation

### Nine-Year Members

Jeff and Amy Brewer, Raleigh  
Allen de Hart, Louisburg

### Eight-Year Members

Lillian A. Benton, Bunn  
City of Greensboro, Bur-Mil Park  
Great Outdoor Provision Co.  
John Jaskolka, New Bern  
Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI)  
Mike and Ruth Simpson, Greensboro  
Dwayne and Sara Stutzman, Asheville  
Donald and Jean Walton, Mills River

### Seven-Year Members

Carol Banaitis, Raleigh  
Beverly Duval, King  
Steven Joines, Sparta  
Sherman L. Stambaugh, Asheville  
G. Bruce Wisely, Raleigh

### Six-Year Members

Anonymous  
Bob Benner, Morganton  
Mike Davis, Charlotte  
Allan R. Ellstrom, Knoxville  
Tom and Marian Jerdee, Chapel Hill  
Joe and Laura Mavretic, Raleigh  
David Thoenen, Raleigh

### Five-Year Members

Nancy L. Cormany, Raleigh  
Robert Dixon, Fuquay-Varina  
Dewey and Martha Fox, Morganton  
Stephen Meehan, Stephen Meehan Communications  
James Lee Price, Jamestown  
Joe and Jo Ann Swofford, Clyde  
John C. and Kathy Underhill, Cary

### Four-Year Members

Ray L. Benedictus, III, Orange, California

Wendell Burton, Burton Farms, Advance  
Robert and Martha Cline, Sanford  
Mark Gatehouse, Greensboro  
Emily G. Grogan, Pinnacle  
Jim and Jennie Hallsey, Fleetwood  
Alan Householder, Sevierville  
James W. Mangum, Raleigh  
L.P. McElroy, Waynesville  
Glenn McLeroy, Charlotte  
Howard Pate, Jr., Spring Lake  
Allen Poole, Manteo  
Kenneth and Elizabeth Schapira, Arden  
Edward Seltzer, Marion  
James L. Spencer, III, Pisgah Forest  
Dave Whitlow, Havelock  
Billy & Deborah Williams, Hickory

### Three-Year Members

Mary V. Alford, Highlands  
George Andrews, AntiGravityGear, Wilmington  
Lee and Lois Barry, Shelby  
Dilys Bowman and Will Mitchell, Chapel Hill  
William J. Bretz, Weaverville  
Tom and Nancy Burgiss, Thistle Meadow Winery, Laurel Springs  
Kenneth and Carol Deal, Asheville  
John French, Raleigh  
Robert M. Getchell, Goldsboro  
Elizabeth King, Cary  
Johnny & Carleen Massey, Garner  
Richard McDowell, Raleigh  
Henry and Kathryn Nelson, Maryville  
George Rawlins, Reidsville  
David Royster, Charlotte  
Gregory Scott, Raleigh  
Vernon C. Tetter, North State Services, Washington  
Dolores S. Usery, Raleigh  
Ronald Walker, Atlanta  
Michael Willett, Raleigh

### Two-Year Members

Anonymous  
Danielle and Leonard Bernstein, Asheville  
Paul Black, Huntsville  
Piet Bodenhorst, Asheville  
Richard Bostic, Raleigh  
Clint Burton, Carolina Specialites, Winston-Salem  
Gordon and Jean Coleman, Wilmington  
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Broadus Fitzpatrick, Roanoke  
Richard E. Gainer, Winston-Salem  
Robert Glenn, Jr., Durham  
Doris Hammett, Asheville

David C. Harper, Youngsville  
Richard Hostelley, Stanley  
John Huber, Cornelius  
J. Scott Kanich, Chapel Hill  
W. Phil Kanoy, Thomasville  
George and Leslie Kennedy, Apex  
Carolyn B. Kiger, Walnut Cove  
David and Susan Lennox, Stone Mountain  
Margaret Lillard, Raleigh  
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Steven Mierisch, Clemmons  
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David B. Rittlinger, Wake Forest  
William Ross, Chapel Hill  
Darren Schwartz, Winston-Salem  
Boyce R. Staton, Erwin  
James B. Suiter, Carrboro  
Matthew Terrible, Raleigh  
B and Martha Townes, IV, Boomer  
Thomas and Janis Wade, Durham  
Michael G. Wenkstern, Martinsville  
Shawn Williams, Chapel Hill

### One-Year Members

Anonymous  
Sharon Anderson, Pfafftown  
Tom Anderson, Garner  
Garland & Charlene Askew, Raleigh  
Tim & Michele Aydtlett, Elizabeth City  
Tammie Badarak, Apex  
Bes Baldwin, Durham  
Jerry Barker, Raleigh  
Sindy and Brad Barker, Chapel Hill  
Kenneth B. Barnhill, Pfafftown  
Karen & Joe Bearden, Raleigh  
John Benson, Rodanthe  
Donald B. Bergey, Winston-Salem  
John F. Blair Publisher, Winston-Salem  
David Bland, Cary  
Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, Winston-Salem  
Audrey J. Booth, Chapel Hill  
Bill Borden, Raleigh  
Terry Bostian, Raleigh  
Blair Bowers, Chapel Hill  
Susan Bowers, Raleigh  
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Jeff Branan, Wake Forest  
Charles L. Braswell, Jr., Clayton  
Lynne Bresler, Chapel Hill  
Buffy Bailey Burge, Bailey Family Foundation, Fletcher  
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Wendell Burton, Clemmons  
Drywall Company, Clemmons  
Ken Canter, Wilkesboro  
Margaret & Stephen Chandler, Chapel Hill  
John C. Clamp, Durham  
William R. Cocke, Chapel Hill  
Bronwyn Cole  
Bryant Cole, Garrison Cole, Raleigh  
Edna Collins, Durham  
Lenwood Collins, Greensboro  
Joe Cook, Winston-Salem  
David Craft, Greensboro  
Crawford Crenshaw, Raleigh  
Carolyn Crump, Carrboro  
Steve Cummings, Reidsville  
James Davenport, Asheville

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Nancie Deckard, Raleigh  
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Benjamin Dixon, London, UK  
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Christopher Ferguson, Charlotte  
Thomas J. Fineco, New Bern  
William Flournoy, Raleigh  
Janet C. Fortune, Greensboro  
Frank and Carole Gailor, Raleigh  
Nancy D. Gill, Raleigh  
GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park  
John Goebel, Durham  
Karl Gottschalk, Durham  
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Archie P. Gupton, Raleigh  
Wilbur Gurganus, Jacksonville  
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Alfredia Harris, Raleigh  
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Bill Holman and Stephanie Bass, Raleigh  
Alice & George Horton, Durham  
Anita Howell, Chapel Hill  
Ray Huger and Beth McKee-Huger, Greensboro  
Marianne Jacobi  
Peter & Sandra Jacobi, Durham  
Jacob Jaskolka, Raleigh  
Jennifer Jaskolka, Raleigh  
John R. Jaskolka, Raleigh  
Cara Johnson, Durham  
Johnson Subaru, Cary  
James Johnson, Raleigh  
Robert Johnson, Statesville  
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Jay Lamm, Knightdale  
John Lanman, Blowing Rock  
Wendy Lapish and John Beck, Apex  
Joe Layton and Sarah Roholt, Raleigh  
Ayden & Betty Lee, Clayton  
Marge Anders Limbert and Thomas Limbert, Chapel Hill  
Simon Lobdell, Moncure  
John Manuel, Durham  
JoEllen Mason, Durham  
Michael K. Mavretic, Raleigh  
Margaret McCann, Chapel Hill  
Benjamin McFalls, Boone  
Palmer & JP McIntyre, Greensboro  
David W. McPherson, Mebane  
Dr. Houck M. Medford, Winston-Salem  
Kenneth Mitchell, Durham  
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Donald Moll, Roxboro  
Eric Motzno, Raleigh  
Mitzi C. Moye, Maury  
Barbara Oslund, Pittsboro  
Harry Oxnard, Chapel Hill  
Maurita Paprocki, Durham  
Margaret Parker, Chapel Hill  
Lucia Peel, Williamston

Allmuth Perzel, Glendale Springs  
Cheryl A. Peterson, Cary  
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Restoration Systems, Raleigh  
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Mary Rulli, Archdale  
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Carolyn Sakowski, Winston-Salem  
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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schutz, New Bern  
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Robert & Pearl Seymour, Chapel Hill  
Jon Shaw, Greenville  
Rich Shaw and Holly Reid, Hillsborough  
Gudrun and Peter Sieffert, Middletown  
Robert and Jenny Simchock, Durham  
Steve & Beth Sipple, Cary  
Pearson Stewart, Chapel Hill  
Brenda Summers, Raleigh  
Phil Sweigart, Durham  
Helen Tapper, Chapel Hill  
Tim Toben, Chapel Hill  
Kevin A. Tutor, Tutor Jewelry Repair, Erwin  
David & Linda Walker, Fairview  
Rebecca Walling, Hamburg  
David Warwick, Pollocksville  
Dale Wiik, Milliken & Company, Greenville  
Doug Willard, McLeansville  
Rosemarie Williams, Greensboro  
Jan Willis, Morehead City  
John Willis, Hillsborough  
Albert Woelfle, Wake Forest  
R. Peyton Woodson, Raleigh  
Lynn Worth, Sparta  
Carter Worthy, Raleigh  
Smedes and Rosemary York, Raleigh

### VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED MORE THAN 75 HOURS OF TRAIL WORK

Bob Benner  
Don Bergey  
David Bland  
Jeff Brewer  
Tom Dillon  
Allen de Hart  
John French  
Jim Hallsey  
Peter Jacobi  
John Jaskolka  
Steven Joines  
Randy Jones  
Arthur Kelley  
John Lanman  
Steven Mierisch  
Eric Motzno  
Phil Piaski  
Gregory Scott  
Dwayne Stutzman  
Jim Suiter  
"B" Townes  
Chris Underhill  
Don Walton  
Dave Whitlow  
Aaron Williams  
Shawn Williams  
Bruce Wisely

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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Steven Joines  
Sparta  
Bill Sadler  
New Bern  
Bruce Wisely  
Raleigh

## STAFF

Kate Dixon  
Executive Director

Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail was founded in 1997 to bring together communities and volunteers to build a simple footpath connecting the state's natural treasures for the enjoyment and education of people.

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