

From Great Smoky Mountains National Park



To Jockeys Ridge State Park



## Mountains-to-Sea State Trail

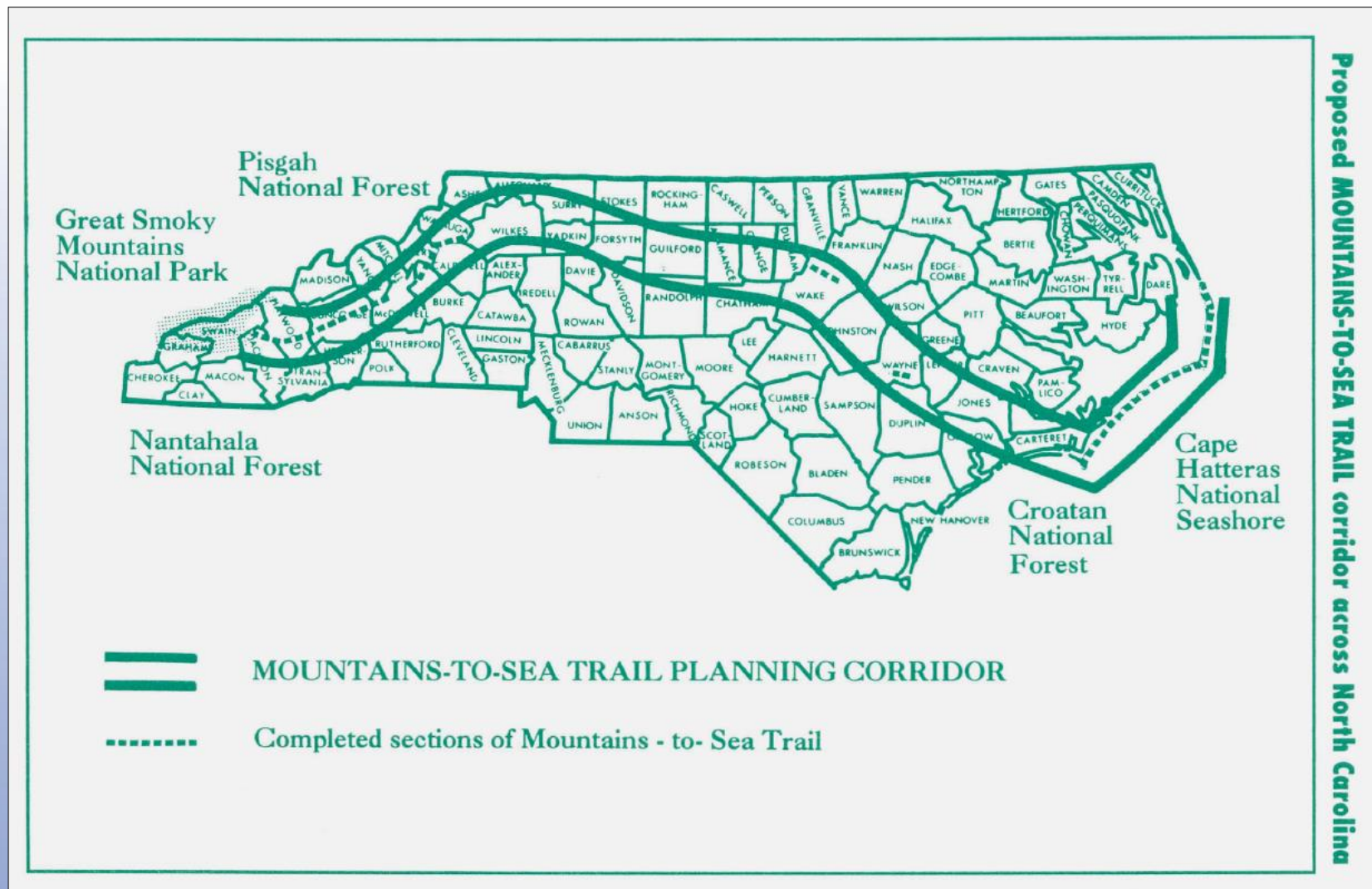
## 2014-2015 Master Plan

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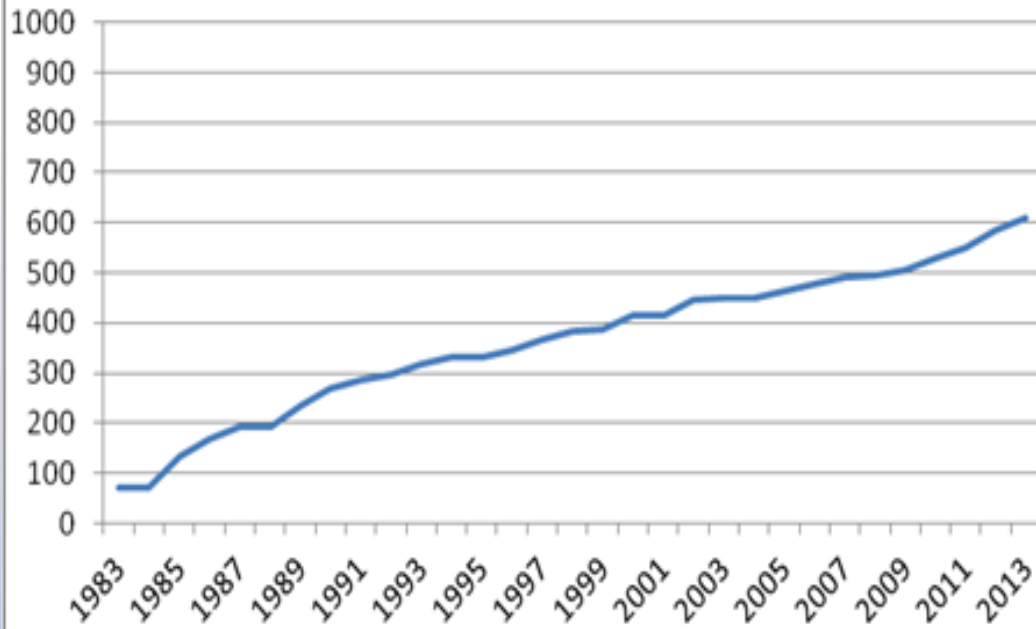


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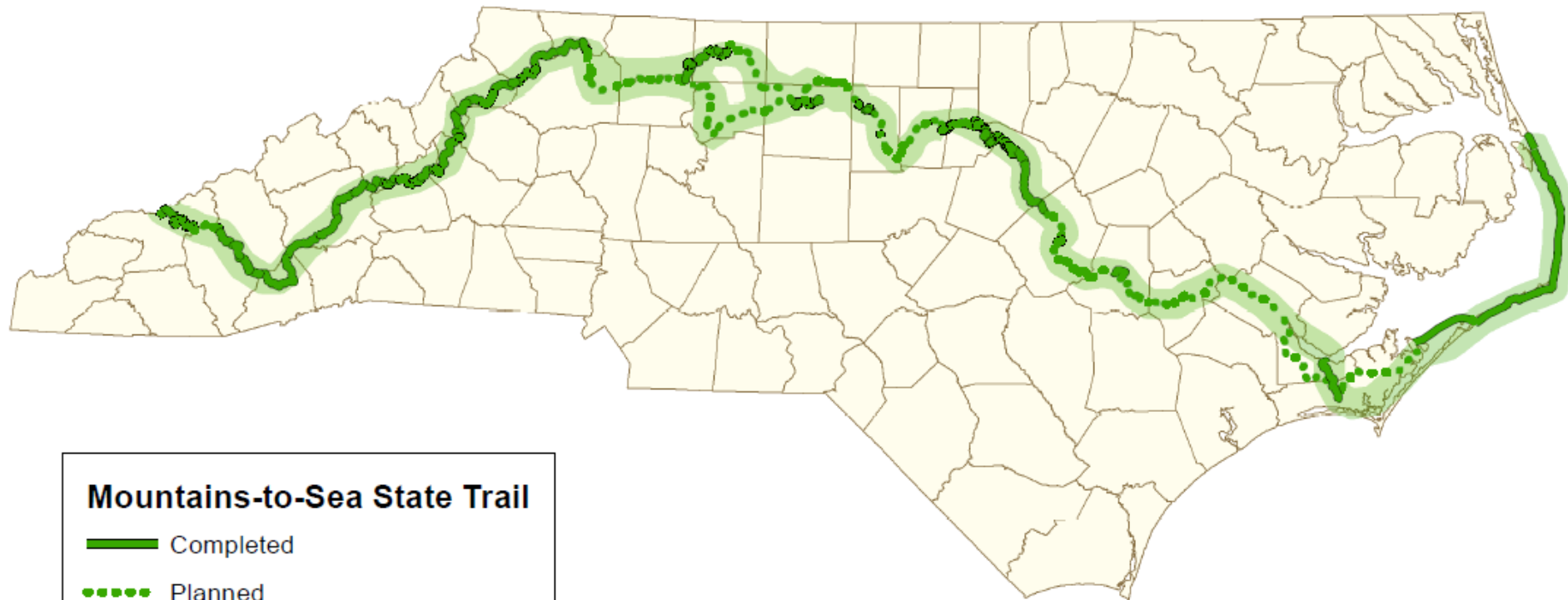
# First corridor concept – 1970's



## Mountains-to-Sea Trail Miles Designated







## Mountains-to-Sea State Trail

— Completed

..... Planned

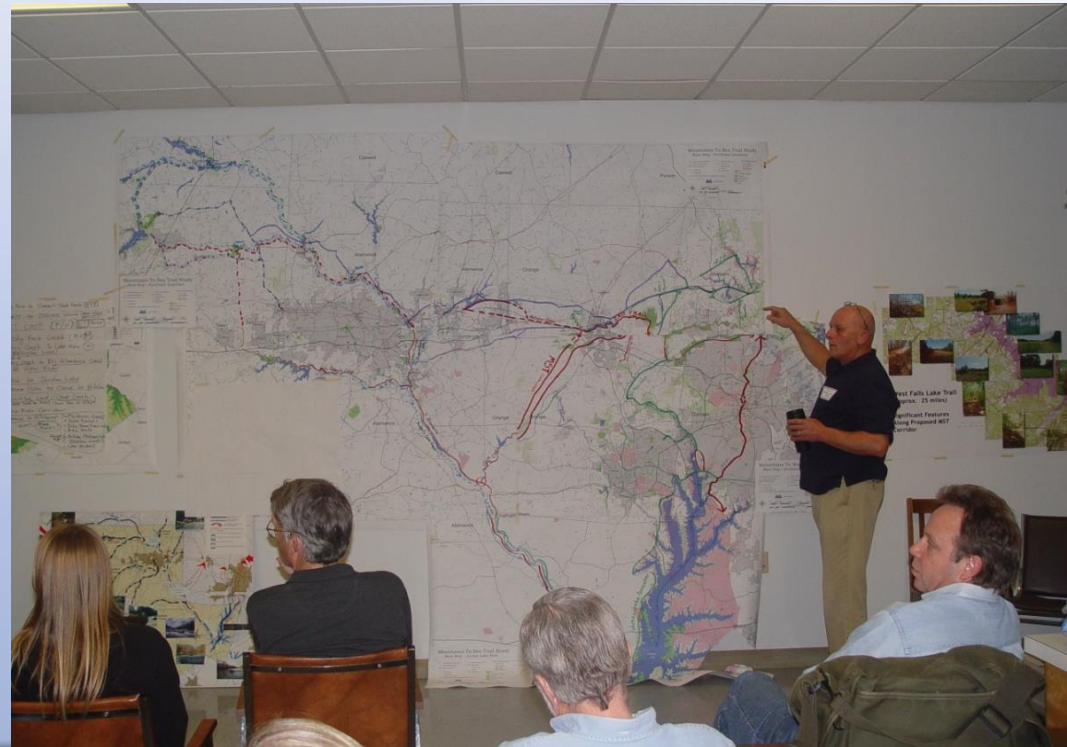




# MST Regional Plans

A series of regional meetings with stakeholders and land owners.

- Councils of Government
- Counties and municipalities
- State and federal agencies
- Land trusts
- Advocates and user groups

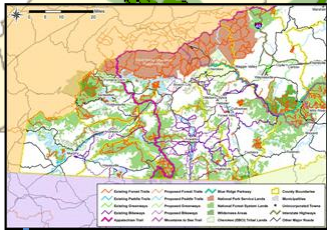
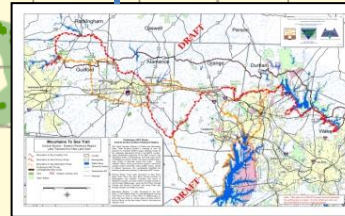
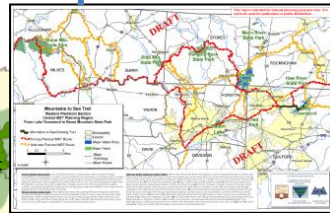
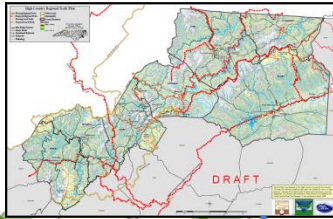


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Western Piedmont 2007

Eastern Piedmont 2005-06



High Country 2008

MST East 2001-2004

Southwest Commission 2013

Johnston County 2005

Regional plans represent planned routes agreed upon by partners and stakeholders.



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# A Master Plan for the MST is Needed

- ✓ To unite the regional plans
- ✓ To clarify partner roles and strategies
- ✓ To add detailed site planning where needed to accelerate segment completion

# MST Master Plan Web Site

Repository for all public information and activities for the MST master planning process



# MST Master Plan Web Site

## INFORMATION

- Overview of MST history and goals
- Status of planning and completion of the various trail segments
- Clarification of partner roles
- Identification of funding sources and strategies





# MST Master Plan Web Site

## PROMOTION

- Links from the map on the website to each segment for detailed information
- Standards and practices for coordinated publicity and marketing
- Standards and practices for safety, signs and mapping



# MST Master Plan Web Site

## PLANNING PROCESS

- Overall steps and schedule for planning process
- Online opportunities for public input, comments and review
- Overall plan for completion of incomplete trail segments





# SCOPING MEETINGS

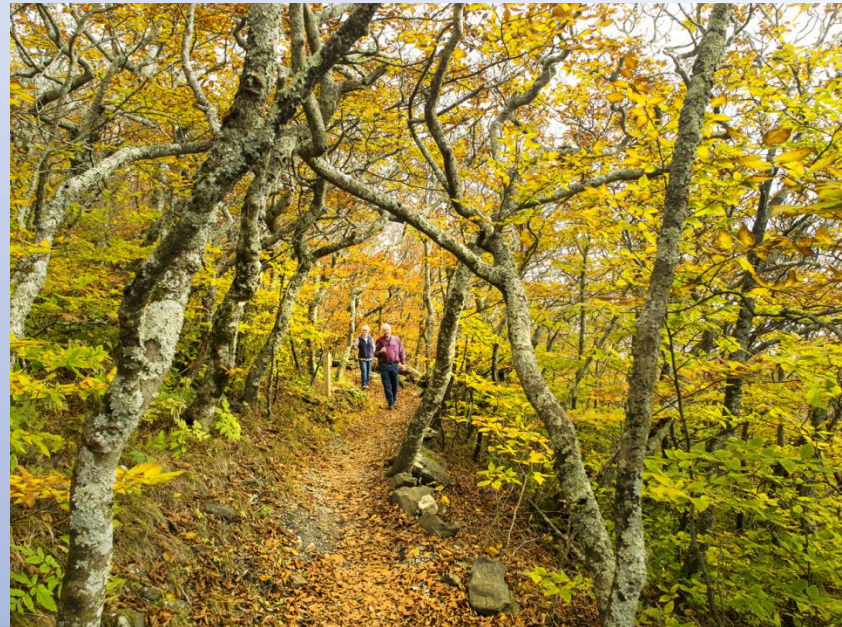
- Interview future manager of each incomplete segment
- Identify support, resources and obstacles to completion





# INFORMATION GATHERING

- Meet or talk with volunteers, partners, stakeholders, and managers of completed segments for ideas and input
- Website will be available for all to contribute ideas and comments



# DEVELOP DRAFT MASTER PLAN

With information from interviews and meetings:

- Assess priority of each segment
- Group segments into logical subsections of 20-30 miles based on geography, topography, status
- Prioritize subsections for future planning and implementation
- Prepare draft standards and practices, funding sources, clarification of roles, and other general information





# REVIEW AND FINALIZE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

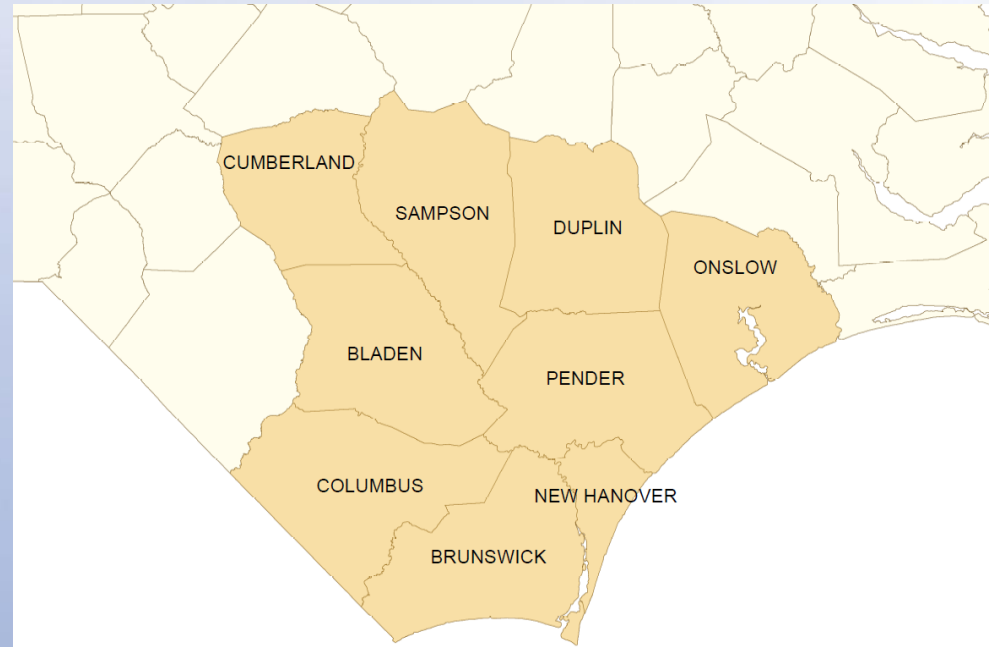
- All partners and stakeholders will have opportunities to review and comment on the draft master plan developed from the scoping and information gathering phases
- Draft master plan will be revised based on comments received





# Cape Fear Arch Regional Meeting

- Gauge interest and support for a second “ultimate” route, or a separate state trail
- Begin regional planning process with all partners and stakeholders





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PLANNING



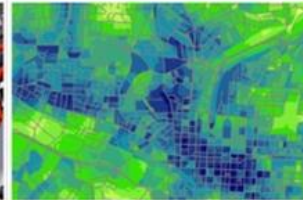
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POLICY AND PRACTICE



PRODUCTS



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