

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Trails & Greenways Clearinghouse: Go to www.trailsandgreenways.org <<http://www.trailsandgreenways.org>> and click on "Technical Assistance" followed by "Fact Sheets." Here you will find numerous fact sheets on trails and greenways, including: "Benefits of Trails and Greenways," "Economic Benefits of Trails and Greenways," "Enhancing the Environment with Trails and Greenways," "Health and Wellness Benefits," "Preserving Historic and Cultural Resources," "Top 10 Ways to Work with the Opposition" and "Trails and Greenways for Livable Communities."

For the full text of RTC's reports and studies on trails and greenways, go to www.trailsandgreenways.org <<http://www.trailsandgreenways.org>> and click on "Technical Assistance" followed by "Full-Text Reference." Reports and studies found here include: "Rail Trails and Community Sentiments" (RTC's study of opposition to trail development), "Rail Trails and Safe Communities" (RTC's crime study), "Rail-Trails and Liability" and "Rails-with-Trails."

Please feel free to print out any of these materials for use at public meetings.

Indiana Trails Study: The purpose of the Indiana Trails Study was to complete a reconnaissance level study of the use levels, user characteristics, management practices, economic factors, and impacts to adjacent properties for the selected trails. To assist in completing the study an ad-hoc advisory group, known as the Indiana Trails Study Group, was formed to advise researchers in site selection, preferred information to be obtained, research methods and project completion. This group helped to clarify and specify the purpose of the Indiana Trails Study. The six communities and trails studied were: Fort Wayne, Rivergreenway Trail; Goshen, Maple City Greenway Trail; Greenfield, Pennsy Rail Trail; Indianapolis, Monon Rail Trail; Muncie, Cardinal Greenway Trail; and Portage, Prairie Duneland Trail. See <<http://www.indiana.edu/~eppley/trails/>>.

Maryland Rail-Trail Study: Go to <<http://ntl.bts.gov/DOCS/430.html>> on the National Transportation Library's Web site for the *Analysis of Economic Impacts of the Northern Central Rail Trail*, June 1994.

From the Executive Summary of the *Analysis of economic impacts of the Northern Central Rail Trail*: Based upon our analysis, we are of the opinion that the Northern Central Rail Trail (NCRT) provides a number of substantial economic and qualitative benefits to the people of Maryland. Perhaps the most significant economic finding of this study is that while the 1993 budget to provide the Trail to the public was \$191,893, the direct economic inputs to the State via tax revenue alone were \$303,750. Additionally, we estimate the Trail supports 264 jobs statewide. The value of goods purchased because of the NCRT for 1993 is estimated to total in excess of \$3,380,000.

Nebraska Trails Studies: Go to <<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/PAandI/Bike-Ped/Trails/OmahaStudy.pdf>> for Dr. Greer's June 2000 study titled *Omaha Recreational Trails: Their Effects on Property Values and Public Safety*. Go to <<http://www.unomaha.edu/~greer/trails/nebtrails.pdf>> for Dr. Greer's October 2001 study titled *Nebraska Rural Trails: Three Studies of Trail Impact* (I've had trouble loading this Web page, though). And go to <<http://www.unomaha.edu/~greer/don/>> for Dr. Greer's personal homepage.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program: Go to <<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/rtca/>> and click on Helpful Tools followed by Publications. As of June 6, 2002, relevant documents on this site were: *Economic Benefits of Conserved Rivers: An Annotated Bibliography*, June 2001; *Economics of Protecting Rivers, Trails and Open Space*, 1995; *Impacts of Rail-Trails: A Study of Users and Property Owners from Three Trails*, July 1992.

The Trust for Public Land. This section of their website focuses on the economic benefits of creating parks and conserving open space: <http://www.tpl.org/tier2_cl.cfm?&folder_id=725> As of June 6, 2002, relevant documents on this site were: *The Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space: How Land Conservation Helps Communities Grow Smart and Protect the Bottom Line*, June 1999; *Healthy Communities/Healthy Economies: Remarks by Will Rogers*, May 1999; *Economic Benefits of Open Space: An Annotated Bibliography*, January 1996

Florida Department of Environmental Protection produced *Thinking Green: A Guide to the Costs and Benefits of Greenways and Trails*. This is a free 24-page guide detailing the economic, cultural and ecological impacts of trails and greenways. Go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/qwt/resource/guide/> then scroll down to Appendix F and click on "Thinking Green"

American Lives Market Research Firm: Go to www.americanlives.com <http://www.americanlives.com> and click on Reports to find information on a 1994 report and its 1999 follow-up: *1994 Shopper and Homeowner Study* and *1999 Community Preferences: What Buyers Really Want in Design, Features and Amenities*

Go for Green (a Canadian non-profit): Go to <http://www.goforgreen.ca/resources/index.html#Trail%20Resources> or http://www.nodn.com/economic_benefits_of_trails.htm for *The Economic Benefit of Trails*

Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Research Study: see <http://www.prr.msu.edu/trails/peremarquettereport.htm> for numerous reports that Christine Vogt, a professor at Michigan State University, did on the Pere Marquette trail.

Evaluation of the Burke-Gilman Trail's Effect on Property Values and Crime, Seattle Office for Planning, May 1987 (executive summary at <http://www.massbike.org/bikeways/wayside/westapp4.htm>)