

Lower Etowah River Trail



WHAT IS A RIVER TRAIL?

A River Trail, or blueway, is a water course used for transportation and recreation. An example would be a canoeing trail. A paddling route allows local communities and visitors to enjoy their river and develop a greater appreciation for their natural resources. A River Trail also increases tourism and supports the local economy through profits from outdoor recreation sales and rentals. Canoes, kayaks, and rafts provide some of the best and least expensive ways to enjoy a river and offer a way to tour both the urban and wilderness areas with minimal environmental impact.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Rolling Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council is working with local paddlers, Bartow County, the City of Cartersville, the City of Euharlee, and other partners to install a series of canoe/kayak launches along the Lower Etowah River. These launches will provide paddlers safe, well-marked and environmentally friendly access to the river at regular intervals. At this time, we are proposing five access/take out points along the river, from Allatoona Dam to the Floyd County line. At this time, access points are limited to a few privately owned properties and along bridge abutments.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Safe, well marked, environmentally friendly river access
- Greater appreciation for the Etowah River and natural areas
- Partner groups striving to protect and improve the river
- Increased recreational opportunities for residents and visitors
- Increased economic opportunities for new and existing outdoor recreation businesses



NEEDS

At this time, we are seeking supporters for this project—both financial and volunteers!

Sponsors are needed to fund the individual paddle launches and educational signage. If you are interested in volunteering or providing financial support for this project, please call the Rolling Hills RC&D Council office at 770-749-0444. All contributions are tax deductible.

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