

**What is the Capital Area Greenbelt?**



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### YOU CAN HELP

- Walk or bike—no gas-powered vehicles
- Keep dogs leashed, and pick up all pet waste
- Become a member! Join the effort to maintain the trail. Download the most current map and get more info at [caga.org](http://caga.org)



### Along Spring Creek

See a 1700s-era stone spring house, the commemorative Dock Woods and sensory gardens. Discover the inaugural stretch of the Greenbelt completed in the early 1900s. Mountain bike side trails run from Dock Woods to Cameron Street.

- 1. FIVE SENSES GARDENS**  
This interactive garden, complete with a small waterfall in adjacent Spring Creek, follows winding paths through gardens that attract butterflies and appeal to all the senses. Look for trout in Spring Creek, a cold water fishery.
- 2. CAMERON PARKWAY**  
Designed in 1902 as a tree-lined carriage drive linking Leesburg's parks, Cameron Parkway was the first City Beautiful feature built on land donated by Donald Cameron. The wide, paved pathway features a wonderful stream valley with minimal urban intrusion.
- 3. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL**  
Peaceful setting, perfect for quiet reflection. The memorial celebrates the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death with a series of art pieces for African Americans. See the 12-foot pet black granite statue and granite markers for each county.

# Welcome!

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- Circular trail of 21 miles with various spokes
- Created in 1900 as part of the “City Beautiful” movement
- Abandoned
- Revitalized in the early 1990’s by a corps of grass-roots volunteers
- Traverses five municipalities



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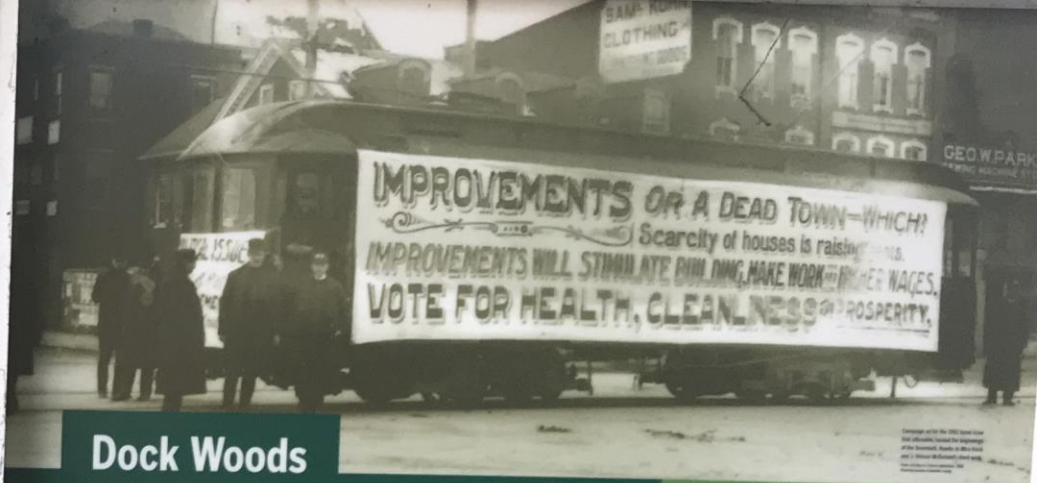
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**CAMERON PARKWAY**  
Designed in 1903 as a tree-lined carriage drive linking Harrisburg's parks, Cameron Parkway was the first City Beautiful feature built, on land donated by Donald Cameron. The wide, paved pathway follows a wooded stream valley with minimal urban intrusion.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL**  
Peaceful setting, perfect for quiet reflection. The memorial celebrates the 12 historic crusades Dr. King undertook to achieve social justice for African Americans. See the 11-foot jet black granite obelisk and granite markers for each crusade.



## Dock Woods

Private citizens in 1900 saw a need for change in Harrisburg—smelly factories and mills polluted the air, residents dumped trash and coal ashes along the riverbank, and sewer lines emptied directly into the Susquehanna. Individuals took action to launch the City Beautiful movement.

More than 100 years later, a group of people donated and planted these trees to create Dock Woods. It symbolizes the work of all the citizens who make a difference.

Look on the back of the kiosk to see all the Dock Woods tree donors!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The all-volunteer Capital Area Greenbelt Association helps keep the Greenbelt green and open for all to enjoy. Volunteers plant trees, clear trails, mow grass, staff events, raise money and secure grants. Please learn how you can help and join us at [caga.org](http://caga.org)!



Mira Lloyd Dock

Volunteers planted this grove to honor Mira Lloyd Dock, the person most responsible for starting the Greenbelt. In December 1900, just back from a European forestry tour, Dock showed her latest ideas of beautiful, green European parks and streets to the Harrisburg Board of Trade. The stark contrast with rural Harrisburg energized the group. The ultimate result: a visionary plan for parks, pathways, and natural areas around Harrisburg.



J. Horace McFarland

Photos, horticultural, conservationist, and City Beautiful advocate, J. Horace McFarland worked with his friend Mira Lloyd Dock to help support for the new park system. They brought in mutual colleague Warren Manning to complete the plan. McFarland's lifelong interest in trees inspired the creation of the Harrisburg River Society in 1947. The marker at your feet came from the rose garden at the Carnegie County Home. McFarland had national impact too: he led efforts to save Niagara Falls from power company repudiation and was one of a small group who worked to create the National Park Service.



Norman Lacasse

In 1990, founder Norman Lacasse organized a small group of volunteers to revive the dream for a greenway encircling Harrisburg. Lacasse helped found the Capital Area Greenbelt Association and worked with volunteers and municipalities to clear and repair trails, connect existing trails, secure grants, and over time a fast-food restaurant from being built at this site. He personally planted hundreds of trees and maintained countless youth through Greenbelt projects.



**"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."**

Margaret Mead

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## **Owned by many property owners including:**

- City of Harrisburg
- Dauphin County
- Susquehanna Township
- Private
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Paxtang Borough

# Capital Area GREENBELT

## LEGEND

- ◆◆◆ Established Trail - bicycles and pedestrians only
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- Link Trail - bicycles and pedestrians only
- Fort Hunter Link (open 2018)
- P Parking
- PR Public Restrooms
- MT Mountain Bike Side Trails (maps at [pembaker.com](http://pembaker.com))

Support the Greenbelt! Join the Capital Area Greenbelt Association.  
Visit [cape.org](http://cape.org) to download a user map and written directions.

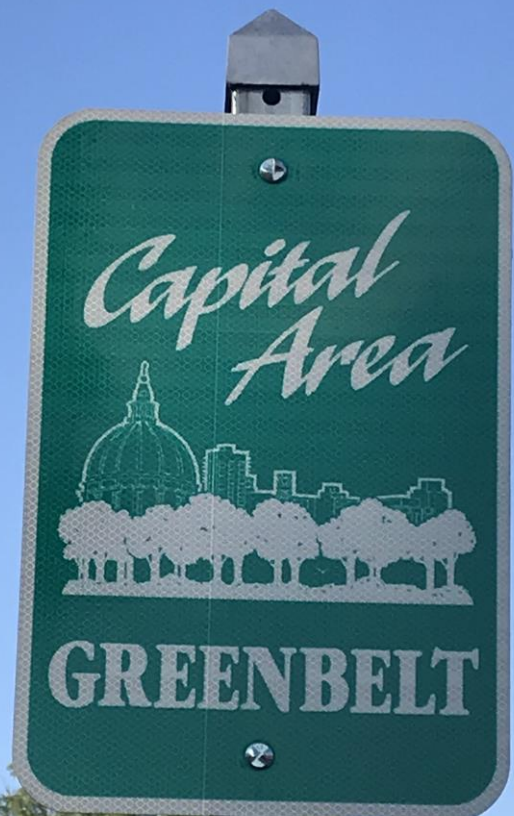






# The Capital Area Greenbelt Association:

- manages the greenbelt in cooperation with the property owners.
- roles include advocacy, maintenance, and development.
- owns no real estate.
- has no staff.
- is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- has a membership of about 250.















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# **BUILDING A BETTER GREENBELT**

**SIGNS, SAFETY, AND A  
RIVERFRONT LINK TO FORT HUNTER**



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**January 2014**



# Strategic Goals

- Better Signage \$22,000
- Safer intersections \$2,000,000
- Connection to Fort Hunter Park \$4,500,000











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CAUTION























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# Major Upcoming Projects

- Utility work along Andrea Avenue Connector at State Hospital Grounds
- Gate project
- Fort Hunter Connector
- 83 Widening:
  - North Paxtang Ave
  - Underpass at Riverfront















# Future Goals

- Advocate for the Greenbelt
- Secure easements on unsecured corridors
- Secure easements on existing corridors with individual municipalities
- Work with partners to develop and adopt consistent rules across all municipalities and owners
- Use volunteers to their full potential for the continued good of the Greenbelt







