

The APPALACHIAN TRAIL MEGA-TRANSECT

Our goal is to establish the Appalachian Trail Mega-Transect so that scientists, land managers, and volunteer leaders can effectively manage the Appalachian Trail's wealth of natural resources and "tell the story" of the environmental health of the Appalachian Mountains to visitors, neighbors, and the world.

We are committed to understanding the environmental health of the Appalachian Trail. Our goal is to inform key decision makers, and to encourage the actions that are necessary to protect the Trail. We believe that volunteers should be involved in environmental monitoring efforts along the A.T. Because our combined efforts will have more impact, we are actively seeking other individuals and institutions to join us and contribute to this exploration of the Appalachian Trail Mega-Transect.

The objectives of the Appalachian Trail Mega-Transect are:

- To determine the current status and trends of natural resources along the Trail and to make sound decisions, encourage collaboration, and promote public understanding of this process.
- To provide early warning of undesirable conditions or trends as a means of better protecting the Trail's natural resources and reducing the costs of management.
- To promote the transformation of shared data to knowledge and understanding through accurate analysis and modeling.

We invite organizations and individuals to sign below to indicate their interest in participating in the Appalachian Trail Mega-Transect.

Some of these organizations will formalize a more significant commitment by signing a Partnership Charter.

Logos indicate an expression of interest. To indicate your support of the Appalachian Trail Mega-Transect, please send your organization's logo (in a 72 DPI jpeg file no larger than 2x2 inches and provide a current URL, if available) or just your individual name to <u>ATMega-Transect@appalachiantrail.org</u> where you are also encouraged to direct any questions or comments.



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