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Celebrate Trails Day April 27 on the Elizabeth River Trail
Special Activities Planned at Newtown Road Light Rail Station

NORFOLK, Va. – (April 2024) – More than just a day outside, Celebrate Trails Day is a chance to participate in a united day of support for trails across America. Our trails, such as the Elizabeth River Trail, create ways for people to connect in their community, participate in health and wellness activities and do something good for the environment.

Part of the National Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s Celebrate Trails Day initiative, the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation will mark this year’s special day in a unique way. In anticipation of the future Virginia Beach trail, which will run from Newtown Road to the oceanfront, special activities are planned at the Newtown Road light rail station from 10 am to 1 pm. Everyone is invited to participate.

“We are excited to generate interest and celebrate the future connection of two trails in Hampton Roads,” said Kindra Greene, executive director of the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation “It is the vision of the ERT Foundation to serve more of Norfolk by providing safe access to green space, and the Virginia Beach trail has significance for regional connectivity as well. Hampton Roads Transit has been an amazing partner in providing space for the day around this central hub.”

The festivities include litter cleanups led by Keep Norfolk Beautiful and the Clean City Commission, free rides with Spinclusion, sidewalk chalk art with the Kiwanis Club, REI Coop Outside in 5, Norfolk Parks and Recreation, and ice cream by Sundae Scoops. Emily Lomauro from Lynnhaven River Now and Steve Lambert with VB Parks and Rec will lead a walk and talk on the VB Trail at noon.

Activities/Projects:

- Litter cleanup 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Future of the ERT Walk and Talk (10-15 minutes, led by Kindra Greene at 11 am)
- VB Trail Walk and Talk (10-15 minutes, led by Lynnhaven River Now and VB Parks and Rec at noon)
- Sidewalk art
- Spinclusion rides
- Bring donations for personal hygiene items and nutritious food 11:30 am to 1 pm for Ollivier Community Circle

The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation's mission is to create an inclusive and resilient urban riverfront trail that connects and inspires people and businesses in the Hampton Roads region. The Elizabeth River Trail runs 10.5 miles through businesses, historic attractions and 28 neighborhoods within a five-minute walk. The multi-use trail is designed for walking, running, and biking. It comprises 11 sections from Norfolk State University, through Downtown Norfolk and Old Dominion University to NIT Terminals along the Elizabeth River. The Foundation has completed multiple new unique and award-winning amenities, including kayak launches, play sculpture, a double turbo challenge course in Plum Point Park, The Glowline and most recently, the installation of the first hydration station. Major sponsors include the City of Norfolk and Sentara. For more information, visit elizabethrivertrail.org.

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