

# the DAN

## \$23.8 MILLION GRANT AWARDED TO GROW THE DAN TRAIL SYSTEM



**REALLY BIG NEWS** - in partnership with Spartanburg County Government, we have secured a \$23.8 million federal grant for almost 15 new miles of trails along the Fairforest Creek and a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Highway 295.



The RAISE grant will fund the trails outlined in orange along the Fairforest Creek.

**\*\*100%** of these funds support trail construction and not PAL's operations and many other initiatives; thank you for your continued support. It allows us to pursue opportunities like this one.

learn more at [palspartanburg.org](http://palspartanburg.org)



Dear Friends,

2021 was both a challenging and fruitful year for our mission and our team at PAL. We know that health and well-being are critical for a prosperous Spartanburg community and this is why we strive daily to achieve our vision:

**In Spartanburg, healthy living comes naturally. It is fun, easy, and safe because we are connected to our community, to each other, and to the nature that surrounds us. We utilize our vast natural resources, gardens, local markets, trails, and parks routinely. We walk and bike through our neighborhoods, play outdoors and share healthy meals. We embrace our wonderful quality of life.**

Thanks to support like yours, our team of board members, donors, volunteers, and staff are acknowledging our progress while pushing forward toward a community that lives well.

Collectively these efforts and those of our community partners will lead to a shifting culture of health and wellness in Spartanburg County, especially for those most vulnerable.

And these efforts will improve our quality of life, our children's ability to learn, the readiness of Spartanburg's workforce, our places to be in nature, the vibrancy of our economy, and a more sustainable environment.

**We ask for your support as we close out 2021 and enter 2022 with a renewed sense of hope and determination.**

Onward,



**Laura Ringo**  
Executive Director  
PAL: Play. Advocate. Live Well.

PAL was honored by OneSpartanburg with the Elaine Harris Tourism Champion Award

See our progress →

## RIVER BIRCH TRAIL PHASE 2

is complete linking McCracken Middle School to East Main Street along the Lawson's Fork Creek

Construction is progressing on the ramps and bridge connecting Beaumont Mill Village & Drayton Mills, and

## THREE CREEKS TRAIL PHASE 2

along Vanderbilt Road is partially constructed with more to come.

## the DAN TRAIL PROGRESS



We had fun highlighting healthy lifestyles through the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Criterium, United Community Bank Turkey Day 8K, and the 1st Annual BVI Jump Jam

Our BCycles logged **2500+ TRIPS**

## PLAYING AROUND TOWN

## We hosted 8 TRAIL STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

in partnership with Trees Coalition.



## We are piloting a PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM

with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and FoodShare Spartanburg



## FOOD FORWARD

## In partnership with the City of Spartanburg, PAL secured a National Park Service grant to develop a community-based DUNCAN PARK MASTER PLAN

People in need in our community received fresh produce resulting in the distribution of **14,222 POUNDS OF PRODUCE**



## Rep. Max Hyde introduced H.3120 TO GRANT a tax credit to property owners who give a voluntary trail easement

**84** PARTICIPANTS

joined our virtual cooking classes or Train-the-Trainer for these classes that are based on FoodShare boxes, with the Spanish version also complete