



APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY®

Georgia Appalachian Trail License Plate Grant Program Past Grantees and Projects

Since 2013, the sale of Georgia A.T. specialty tags has generated over \$300,000 for ATC. Of that amount, the volunteer members of ATC's GA Tag Grant Committee have awarded \$193,274 in Georgia A.T. License Plate Grants. We are grateful to our partners who have participated in this grant program, helping to make the Appalachian Trail and the countryside it traverses the best it can be. Below, you'll find a list of each year's grant recipients, accompanied by a brief description of their project(s).

2019: \$60,000 granted to support projects totaling \$240,000=400% leverage

Appalachian Trail Conservancy:

- LatinX Partnership and Training – set up a support systems for Spanish speaking families and groups to feel welcome in the outdoors; host a Leave No Trace and How to Hike the A.T. workshop for Latino Outdoors Coordinators (on the east coast) and Latinx Hikers.
- Support the NextGen Forest Ambassador program for GA youth to foster their understanding of and appreciation for public lands in their communities, including the Appalachian Trail.

Blairsville-Union County A.T. Community: Repair and restore the “History of the A.T. in Georgia” display at Neel Gap

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest:

- Increase monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a peak season backcountry ranger dedicated to the A.T.
- Purchase tools for trail rehabilitation work on the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club:

- Support for Save the Hemlocks initiative on the A.T. in Georgia
- Support for GATC's volunteer Trail Ambassador program
- Outreach to bring youth from Atlanta and north Georgia to hike on the A.T.
- Wilderness First Aid training for club volunteers
- Support for ATC Ridgerunners along the Trail in Georgia
- Tools for new A.T. Section Maintainers
- Rock tools for A.T. projects
- Spring Break Volunteer appreciation items
- Sawyer Certification Class for club volunteers

Len Foote Hike Inn: Support for a 2020 youth service learning trip to stay at the Hike Inn, perform trail work on the A.T. Approach Trail, and learn from GATC members.

2018: \$41,079.93 granted to support projects totaling \$140,727=343% leverage

Appalachian Trail Conservancy:

- Set up a structure and support system for Spanish speaking families and groups from the Atlanta area to help them feel welcome on the A.T.
- Pilot a NextGen Forest Ambassador program for GA youth to foster their understanding of and appreciation for public lands in their communities, including the Appalachian Trail.

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest:

- Increase monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a seasonal backcountry ranger dedicated to the A.T.
- Purchase tools for trail rehabilitation work on the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club:

- Support for GATC's volunteer Trail Ambassador program
- Outreach to bring youth from Atlanta and north Georgia to hike on the A.T.
- Wilderness First Aid training for club volunteers
- Support for ATC Ridgerunners along the Trail in Georgia
- New trail maintenance tools.

Len Foote Hike Inn: Support for a 2019 youth service learning trip to stay at the Hike Inn, perform trail work on the A.T. Approach Trail, and learn from GATC members.

Tom Banks and Tara Roberts: Produce educational videos that can be used to compliment ongoing Visitor Use Management efforts on the A.T. in Georgia.

2017: \$30,000 granted to support projects totaling \$117,302= 391% leverage

Blairsville-Union County A.T. Community: Increased awareness and appreciation for the Trail, its history and its connection to communities in North Georgia through the publication and distribution of *The History of the Appalachian Trail in North Georgia* document.

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest: Increased monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a seasonal backcountry ranger dedicated to the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club: Separate grants for support for GATC's volunteer Trail Ambassador program; outreach to bring youth from Atlanta and north Georgia to hike on the A.T.; Wilderness First Aid training for club volunteers; support for ATC Ridgerunners along the Trail in Georgia; enhancements to the club's website

Len Foote Hike Inn: Support for a 2018 youth service learning trip to stay at the Hike Inn, perform trail work on the A.T. Approach Trail, and learn from GATC members

2016: *\$24,874 granted to support projects totaling \$95,424= 384% leverage*

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest: Increased monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a seasonal backcountry ranger dedicated solely to the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club: Separate grants for support for GATC's volunteer Trail Ambassador program; outreach to bring youth from Atlanta and north Georgia to hike on the A.T.; Wilderness First Aid training for club volunteers; support for ATC Ridgerunners along the Trail in Georgia

Hiwassee-Towns County A.T. Community: Purchase and design of an A.T. Community kiosk in the new Mayor's Park to highlight Hiwassee as an A.T. Community, welcome hikers and inform them about local services and resources, and inspire visitors to learn about the A.T.

Len Foote Hike Inn: Support for a 2017 youth service learning trip to stay at the Hike Inn, perform trail work on the A.T. Approach Trail, and learn from GATC members

2015: *\$20,190 granted to support projects totaling \$60,331= 299% leverage*

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest: Increased monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a seasonal backcountry ranger dedicated solely to the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club: Separate grants for support for GATC's volunteer Trail Ambassador program; outreach to bring youth from Atlanta to hike on the A.T.; Wilderness First Aid training for club volunteers; GPS equipment for better trail inventory and stewardship

2014: *\$17,131 granted to support projects totaling \$41,761 = 244% leverage*

Blairsville-Union County A.T. Community Advisory Committee: Development of educational exhibit of the history of the A.T. in north Georgia

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest: Increased monitoring and education on the A.T. in GA through the hiring of a seasonal backcountry ranger dedicated solely to the A.T.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club: Separate grants for improvements to GATC's website to better serve Trail users and club volunteers; Wilderness First Aid training for club hike leaders and sawyers