

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY TRAIL CONFERENCE
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference (NY/NJ TC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the NY/NJ TC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the NY/NJ TC hereby acknowledges the NY/NJ TC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between the Delaware River and the Connecticut/New York border. This memorandum formalizes the NY/NJ TC's responsibility for the Trail that the Conference assumed in October 1925.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the NY/NJ TC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Conference must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Conference's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Conference for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

NY/NJ TC Responsibilities. The NY/NJ TC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The NY/NJ TC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Conference's local management plans for Dutchess/Putnam Counties and Orange/Rockland Counties, and the *New Jersey A.T. Management Plan* (LMPs). Specific NY/NJ TC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMPs, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revision of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New York-New Jersey*, hiker education, and provision of information about the NY/NJ TC's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the NY/NJ TC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The NY/NJ TC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. NY/NJ TC's President or designee will represent the NY/NJ TC in resolving differences between the NY/NJ TC and New York and New Jersey agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Appalachian Trail Conference in local and regional issues that involve the NY/NJ TC. Questions of NY/NJ TC territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or NY/NJ TC status within the A.T. Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed Neil Zimmerman
Neil Zimmerman, President
New York/New Jersey Trail Conference

Date 25 June 1997

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
WILMINGTON TRAIL CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Wilmington Trail Club (WTC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the WTC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the WTC hereby acknowledges the WTC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Pennsylvania Highway 191 in Fox Gap and the Delaware Water Gap in Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the WTC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in November, 1994.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the WTC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

WTC Responsibilities. The WTC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The WTC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's Local Management Plan (LMP). Specific WTC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, punchon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the WTC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The WTC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. WTC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Signed Joan Campbell
Joan Campbell, President
Wilmington Trail Club

Date 24 April 1997

Date June 2nd 1997

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
BATONA HIKING CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Batona Hiking Club (BHC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the BHC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the BHC hereby acknowledges the BHC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Wind Gap, Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Highway 191 in Fox Gap. This memorandum formalizes the BHC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in 1960.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the BHC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

BHC Responsibilities. The BHC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The BHC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan-Batona Hiking Club* (LMP). Specific BHC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the BHC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The BHC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. BHC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed Betty Irwin
Betty Irwin, President
Batona Hiking Club

Date May 15, 1997

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB DELAWARE CHAPTER
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Chapter (AMC Delaware Chapter or Chapter) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the AMC Delaware Chapter that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the AMC Delaware Chapter hereby acknowledges the Chapter's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Little Gap, Pennsylvania and Wind Gap, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the Chapter's responsibility for the Trail, that the Chapter accepted in 1970 (by action of the ATC Board of Managers).

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the AMC Delaware Chapter with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Chapter must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Chapter's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Chapter for the management of the Trail, monitoring of corridor lands, and provision of public information and education.

Chapter Responsibilities. The AMC Delaware Chapter agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The Chapter will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and delegated Trail lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Chapter's *Local Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail* (LMP). Specific Chapter authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revision of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Chapter's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the AMC Delaware Chapter agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The AMC Delaware Chapter has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. The Chapter Chair or designee will represent the Chapter in resolving differences between the Chapter and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Chapter. Questions of AMC Delaware Chapter territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Chapter status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed Andrew J. Falender
Andrew J. Falender, Executive Director, Appalachian Mountain Club

Signed Lenore Steinmetz
Lenore William Steinmetz, Chair
AMC Delaware Chapter

Date May 26, 1997

Date 5/30/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
PHILADELPHIA TRAIL CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Philadelphia Trail Club (PTC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the PTC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the PTC hereby acknowledges the PTC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Lehigh Furnace Gap, Pennsylvania, and Little Gap, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the PTC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club assumed in 1934.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the PTC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

PTC Responsibilities. The PTC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The PTC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Philadelphia Trail Club - Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific PTC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the PTC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The PTC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. PTC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 16 Jan. 1998

Signed J. Frederick Hepler
J. Frederick Hepler, President
Philadelphia Trail Club

Date 21 Jan. 1998

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
BLUE MOUNTAIN EAGLE CLIMBING CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club (BMECC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the BMECC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the BMECC hereby acknowledges the BMECC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Lehigh Furnace Gap and Bake Oven Knob Road, Pennsylvania, and between Tri-County Corner and Rausch Gap Shelter, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the BMECC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club assumed in 1926.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the BMECC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

BMECC Responsibilities. The BMECC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The BMECC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific BMECC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the BMECC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The BMECC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. BMECC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 4 June 1997

Signed Curtis D. Campfield
Curtis Campfield, President
Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club

Date 6-18-97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
ALLENTOWN HIKING CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Allentown Hiking Club (AHC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the AHC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the AHC hereby acknowledges the AHC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Tri-County Corner, Pennsylvania, and Bake Oven Knob Road, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the AHC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in 1952.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the AHC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

AHC Responsibilities. The AHC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The AHC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific AHC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the AHC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The AHC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. AHC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed Mike "GTHAMN" Benyo
Mike Benyo, President
Allentown Hiking Club

Date 4/5/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club (SATC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the SATC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the SATC hereby acknowledges the SATC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Pennsylvania Route 225 and Clarks Valley, Pennsylvania (PA Highway 325). This memorandum formalizes the SATC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in 1955.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the SATC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

SATC Responsibilities. The SATC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The SATC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific SATC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to: 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the SATC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The SATC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. SATC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 21 May 1997

Signed Jane E. Greber
Jane E. Greber, President
Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club

Date 7/14/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
YORK HIKING CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the York Hiking Club (YHC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the YHC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the YHC hereby acknowledges the YHC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between the Susquehanna River and Pennsylvania Route 225. This memorandum formalizes the YHC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in 1948.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the YHC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

YHC Responsibilities. The YHC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The YHC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific YHC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the YHC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The YHC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. YHC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed R. Ronald Gray
R. Ronald Gray, President
York Hiking Club

Date 7/28/97

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
MOUNTAIN CLUB OF MARYLAND
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE**

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Mountain Club of Maryland (MCM) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the MCM that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the MCM hereby acknowledges the MCM's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Darlington Trail and the Susquehanna River, and between Pine Grove Furnace State Park and Center Point Knob, all in Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the MCM's responsibility for the Trail that the Club assumed in 1935.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the MCM with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

MCM Responsibilities. The MCM agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The MCM will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific MCM authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, punchon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the MCM agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The MCM has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. MCM's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 Apr. 1 1997

Signed Patty Williams
Patty Williams, President
Mountain Club of Maryland

Date 5/30/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPALACHIAN TRAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOC.
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Management Association (CVATMA) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the CVATMA that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the CVATMA hereby acknowledges the CVATMA's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Center Point Knob, Pennsylvania, and Darlington Trail, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the CVATMA's responsibility for the Trail that the Club accepted in 1992,

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the CVATMA with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

CVATMA Responsibilities. The CVATMA agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The CVATMA will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Cumberland Valley A.T. Management Association Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific CVATMA authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the CVATMA agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The CVATMA has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. CVATMA's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 18 May 1997

Signed Janice H. Slaybaugh
Janice Slaybaugh, President
Cumberland Valley A.T. Management
Association

Date 21 July 1997

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the PATC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the PATC hereby acknowledges the PATC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Rockfish Gap, Virginia, and Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Pennsylvania. This memorandum formalizes the PATC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club assumed in 1927.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the PATC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

PATC Responsibilities. The PATC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The PATC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Management Plan* (LMP). Specific PATC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revisions of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, publication of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Maryland and Northern Virginia*, publication of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Shenandoah National Park*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in the Club's section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the PATC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The PATC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. PATC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region, aided by ATC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 24 April 1997

Signed Sandra Marra
Sandra Marra, President
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

Date June 10, 1997