A Checklist for Community Action

The following should provide a means by which individual municipalities may assess the protection needs of the Appalachian Trail within their boundaries. For an in-depth analysis of these needs, a more comprehensive analysis is available on the www.appalachiantrail.org website.

1. Local Protection of the Trail and Its Significance
   - Large Access and Trail Experience
   - Trail Recognition in Conservation Plans
   - Access to Enhance Community Appreciation of the Trail

2. Trail-Related Landscapes and Key Sites
   - Landscapes Contributing to the Trail Experience
   - Patterns of Current Development and Use
   - Identification of Key Sites

3. Zoning for Landscape Protection
   - Application of New Zoning for the Trail and its Relational Landscapes
   - Standards and Guidelines for Protecting Specific Hiking Trails

4. Critical Areas and Incentives for Conservation
   - Local Experience with Conservation Design
   - Current Conservation Design Standards

5. Regulating Potential High-impact Uses
   - Control High Impact Uses and Future Projects

6. Planning for Compatible Development
   - Planning and Development in Accordance with Trail Sites

7. Municipal Coordination for Trail and Related Landscapes
   - Municipal Planning and Conservation.

8. Access to Technical Assistance
   - Access to Technical Assistance for Trail Protection

PA Appalachian Trail Act Website

A website that provides informative and implementation resources for the Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail Act. To help visitors choose the trail that best meets their needs, the regional hike guidelines include those with the most varied and scenic landscapes, as well as those that are accessible to hikers of all abilities.

PA APPALACHIAN TRAIL ACT WEBSITE

THE PROJECT

www.appalachiantrail.org/pa/ptact.html

THE TRAIL

www.appalachiantrail.org/pa/trail.html

THE RESOURCES

www.appalachiantrail.org/pa/resources.html

THE REGULATIONS

www.appalachiantrail.org/pa/regulations.html

THE STATE APPALACHIAN TRAIL ACT

www.appalachiantrail.org/pa/statepta.html

THE NATIONAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL

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THE APPALACHIAN NATIONALSCENIC TRAIL ACT

The PA Appalachian Trail Act may offer valuable opportunities for municipalities along the Trail to work together to identify areas of concern, develop conservation plans, and implement conservation measures that will benefit the Trail and its communities.