



SALUDA GRADE RAIL TRAIL

Spartanburg has an extraordinary opportunity to expand the **Daniel Morgan Trail System** as part of a collaborative trail development from Inman S.C. to Flat Rock, N.C. The 31-mile Saluda Grade rail line is the "steepest standard-gauge mainline railway grade in the U.S.," traversing some of the most picturesque scenery in the Upstate. South Carolina's \$15 million investment will net \$45 million in economic impact. This funding will allow for the purchase of the South Carolina portion of the Saluda Grade Rail Trail. Poised to be a top rail trail in the U.S., **it is projected to attract an initial 125,000 visitors annually, support 300 jobs across the trail's footprint, and spur development contiguous to the trail.**

THE PROJECT

The 31-mile Saluda Grade Rail Trail provides an incredible engine for tourism and economic development in Upstate South Carolina. The South Carolina segment provides spectacular views, travels through Downtown Landrum, Campobello, and Inman and sets the stage for future connections to Inman and Spartanburg's developing 55-mile Daniel Morgan Trail System. South Carolina's \$15 million investment encompasses land acquisition, to match North Carolina's needed investment. Advantageous of renewed interest in outdoor recreation, this project supports Spartanburg County's tourism recovery and elevates Spartanburg as a leisure travel destination.

THE IMPACT

Multiple layers of economic impact will include initial construction of the trail, subsequent development of land along the trail corridor, and expenditures at and by new businesses and patrons/visitors along the trail corridor. A study by Clemson University projects the economic impact of construction to be **approximately \$45 million**, followed by subsequent development at a rate of \$7.6 million return per \$5 million invested. The completed Saluda Grade Rail Trail will initially attract **125,000 visitors per year**, resulting in an **additional \$9.5 million annually**. We believe this to be a strategic investment for local and state partners.

2-YEAR COMMITMENT	2022 FULFILLED	2023 REQUEST
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