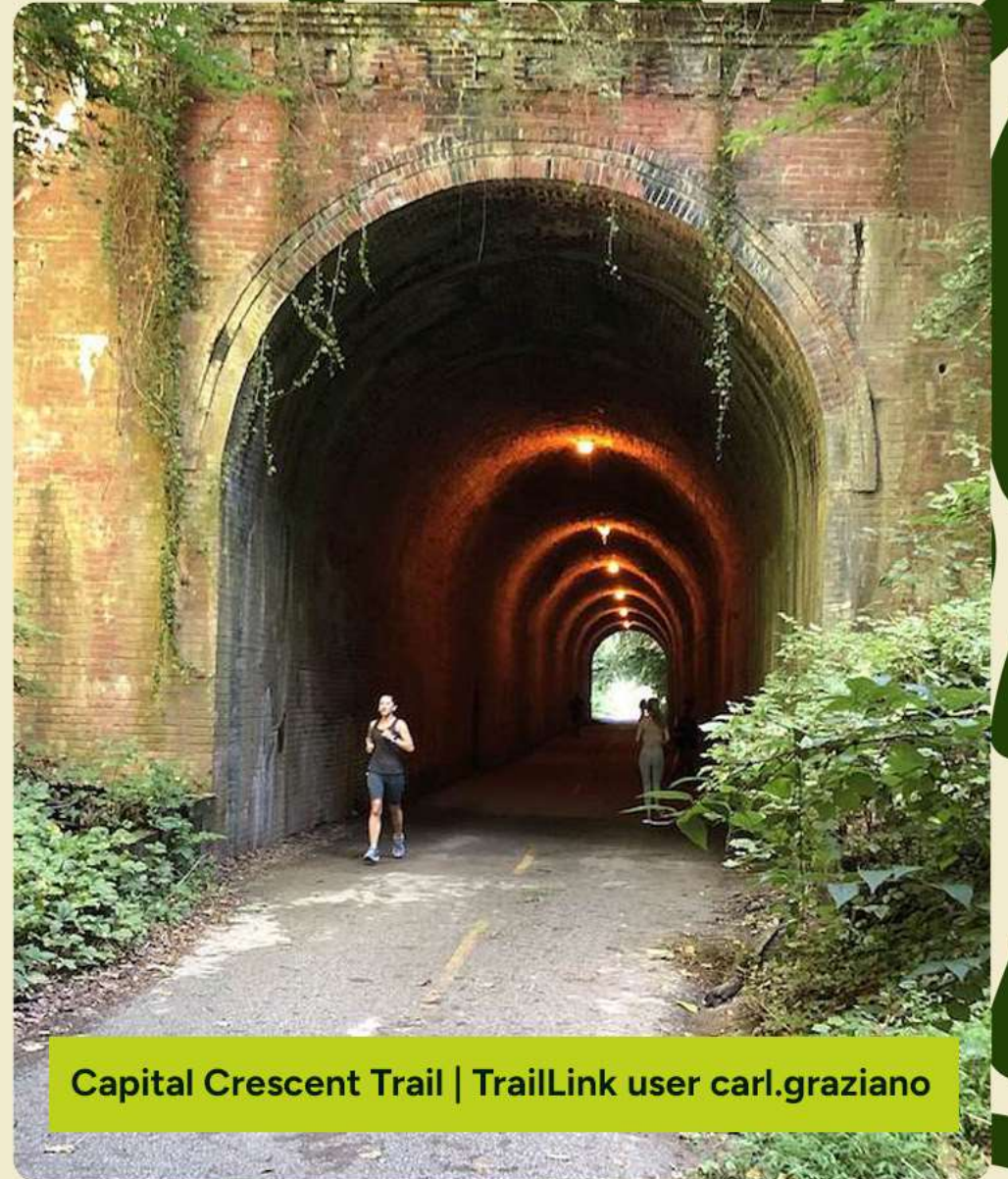


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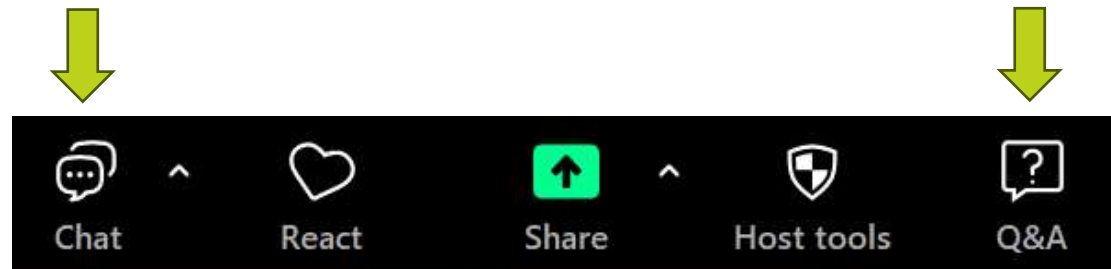


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- Alert communities of upcoming abandonments via the Early Warning System
- Provide technical assistance to trail managers (and occasionally railroads) during railbanking negotiations and beyond
- Defend railbanking (politically and legally)
- Offer legal assistance when needed
- Provide free tools and resources
- <https://www.railstotrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Rails-to-Trails-Conversions-A-Legal-Review-.pdf>
- Find more on <https://www.railstotrails.org/toolbox/>



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RTC Resources

- Trail-Building Toolbox Acquisition section
 - Covers corridor research, railbanking, valuation and environmental contaminants
 - New page on Working with Railroads
- TrailNation Collaborative Facebook Group
- Resource Library – find factsheets, sample lease agreements, MOUs and other documents
- Webinars and online dialogues – on a variety of trail development topics



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Upcoming Events

Post-Election Landscape: Next Steps for the Trail and Active Transportation Movement

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Advocating for a High Performing Transportation Alternatives Program

Monday, Dec. 9

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