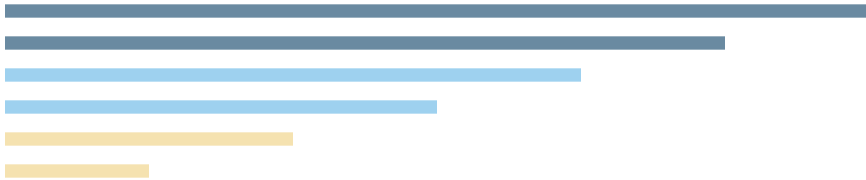


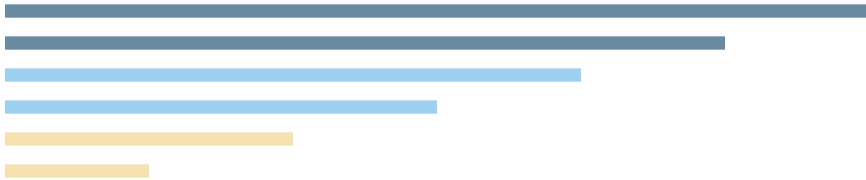


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**Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation
Authority (KMRRA)**
&

**Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreation
Authority (KORRRA)**

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- ❑ **Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority (KORRRA)** was established by HB 712 during the 2024 Regular Session.
 - ❑ **Recreational Area (“RA”)** means lands on which there is a system of recreational trails, including streams, rivers, and other waterways, and appurtenant facilities, including trailhead centers, parking areas, camping facilities, picnic areas, historic or cultural interpretive sites, and other facilities in Kentucky and designated by the KORRRA as part of the RA.

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- ❑ **The purpose of the authority is to establish, maintain, and promote a recreational trail system throughout the RA to increase economic development, tourism, and outdoor recreation for residents and visitors.**
 - ❑ **The recreational trail system shall be located with significant portions of the system situated on private property made available for use through lease, license, easement, or other appropriate legal form by willing landowners.**



Target counties:

**Ballard, Boone, Boyd, Bracken,
Breckinridge, Campbell, Carroll,
Crittenden, Daviess, Gallatin, Greenup,
Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Jefferson,
Kenton, Lewis, Livingston, Mason,
McCracken, Meade, Oldham, Pendleton,
Trimble, or Union County.**



KORRRA

- Created and established as an independent, de jure municipal corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth and shall exercise all of the powers that a corporation may lawfully exercise under the laws of the Commonwealth.
- The authority shall be attached to the Kentucky Department for Local Government for administrative purposes only.
- The authority shall be authorized for an initial period of five (5) years from the effective date of this Act and may be renewed by the General Assembly.
- The authority may adopt by laws and administrative regulations, subject to KRS Chapter 13A, for the orderly conduct of its affairs.



KORRRA

Operational Entity

- At least 11 target counties adopt a resolution or ordinance by the governing body of the county specifically approving the county's participation in the KORRRA and submission of the adopted resolution or ordinance to DLG.
- DLG Commissioner will notify the county judge executives of each county, and board members that requirements have been met.
- DLG Commissioner shall establish a date, time, and place for an initial organizational board meeting.
- DLG Commissioner shall serve as interim chair.



KORRRA Primary Functions

- (a) Supervise the design and construction of trail systems and provide all management functions for the trails.
- (a) Construct, develop, manage, maintain, operate, improve, renovate, finance, or otherwise provide for recreational and trail-related activities and facilities on designated public lands and private lands of participating landowners.
- (b) Promote the growth and development of the trail system, tourism, and the hotel, restaurant, and entertainment industry within the Recreational Area and the Commonwealth, through marketing.



KORRRA Board Members

- a) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or designee;
- b) The commissioner of the Department for Local Government or designee;
- c) The commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or designee;
- d) If an executive director of the authority has been employed, he or she shall serve as a nonvoting member, except in the event of a tie vote of the board;

KORRRA Board (Continued)

- e) One (1) representative selected for each of the six (6) participating counties who shall be the county judge/executive; or the county judge/executive's designee, who shall be an individual involved with economic development, tourism, recreation, or a related area within the county;
- f) One (1) state Representative who is from the KORRRA region shall serve as a nonvoting member, appointed to a two (2) year term by the Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives; and
- g) One (1) state Senator who is from the KORRRA region shall serve as a nonvoting member, appointed to two (2) year term by the President of the Kentucky Senate.



KORRRA Board Nine (9) Voting Members

1. The six (6) county judges/executive, consolidated local government mayor, or their designees, from different KORRRA participating counties as described in subsection (6)(e) of this section;
2. The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or designee;
3. The commissioner of the Department for Local Government or designee; and
4. The commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or designee.



Board Voting Members Continued

- The six (6) initial county representatives shall be the county judges/executive or consolidated local government mayor of Boone, Campbell, Daviess, Jefferson, Kenton, and Mason Counties or their designees in that order. The first three (3) representatives listed shall serve a three (3) year term as voting members, the next three (3) representatives shall serve a two (2) year term as voting members, and the remaining three (3) representatives shall serve a one (1) year term as voting members.



**Kentucky
Mountain
Regional
Recreation
Authority**



Strength and Resilience are center stage in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky

Everywhere you look in Eastern Kentucky there are communities that are on fire with a desire to highlight immense natural beauty as our best resource of the hills while capitalizing on the very components of our culture that are so appealing to visitors and keeps them coming back again and again to our region.

We are on the right trail to creating for ourselves an economic stability we have never fully experienced before.

- ← Alluring natural beauty that can once again regain its glory in our post-coal communities
- ← Incredible trails being groomed to offer thousands of miles of trail riding across the 18 participating counties.
- ← Connectivity between the counties in the region and unparalleled cooperative efforts between local governments to establish and work toward common goals for the region.
- ← A comprehensive plan to provide complimentary trail activities and tourism opportunities to satisfy every adventure tourist
- ← A preserved pride in culture that translates as a willingness to make everyone welcome and feeling like they have found their home away from home

Having a clearly defined goal

▶As set out in the legislation (KRS 148.0222) that created the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority, we have a clear vision of a interconnected trail system very similar to our great friends and mentors at the very economically successful Hatfield and McCoy Trails



Establishing a set of working parameters that include accountability waypoints

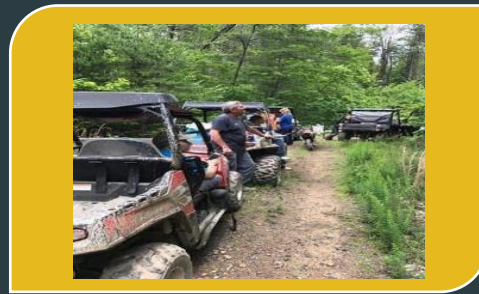
- ▶ Throughout the course of our KMRRA board workings and into the establishment of our marketable trail system model as First Frontier Appalachian Trails , we have remained mindful of the very precise way this work must occur in order to build on each action to accomplish the next. We realized early on that we have to all stay on the same page. We must be presenting ourselves as one unit with one goal and holding every member accountable for our progress. Frequently checking our progress against our goals keeps us on track.



Engaging all who stand to benefit

► In this day and age it is imperative to engage everyone in the community from local government to high school students. We believe that encouraging increased engagement as well as presenting ourselves at a level of transparency rarely seen in these type projects has helped us get entire communities on board with the plan. Everyone is important to achieving success with this huge undertaking as every level of our communities stand to benefit from the incredible economic rewards of the plan in its realization.

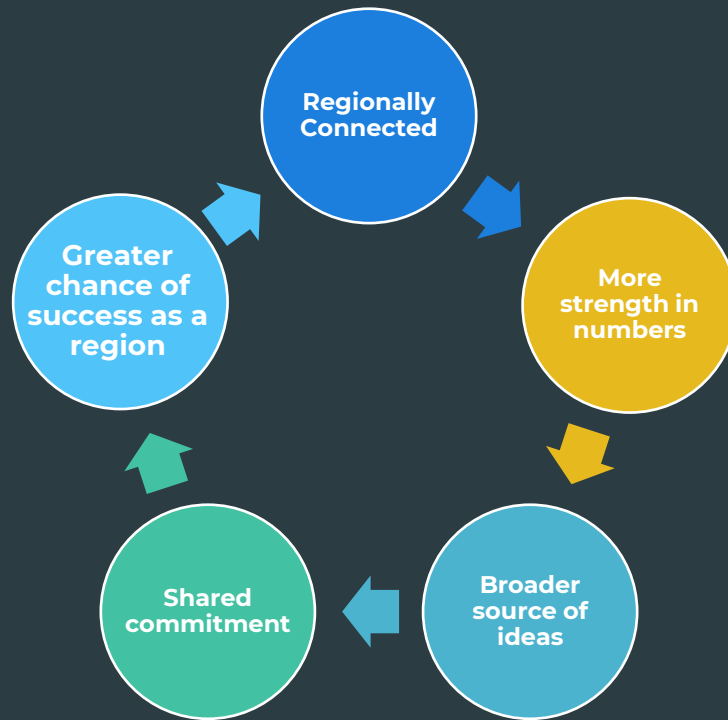
It is exciting to be a part of plan where we in the mountains are masters of our own destiny. We are showing up and showing out regionally!



- ❑ Became fully legislated in 2019
- ❑ Established our board
- ❑ Defined our mission
- ❑ Defined our scope of work
- ❑ Hired a Director
- ❑ Hired our landmen
- ❑ Defined our existing trails that meet the economic standard of our model
which is to connect communities
- ❑ Mapped our chosen trails to establish ownership
- ❑ Established the policies and procedures necessary to define us
- ❑ Began the leasing process
- ❑ Soft opening of trails mid September 2024

Our Progress all across Eastern Kentucky

Old
Appalachian
saying in
action
“Many Hands
Make Light
Work”



Come Ride with Us and leave the stress of the world on a dirt trail in



Eastern Kentucky



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