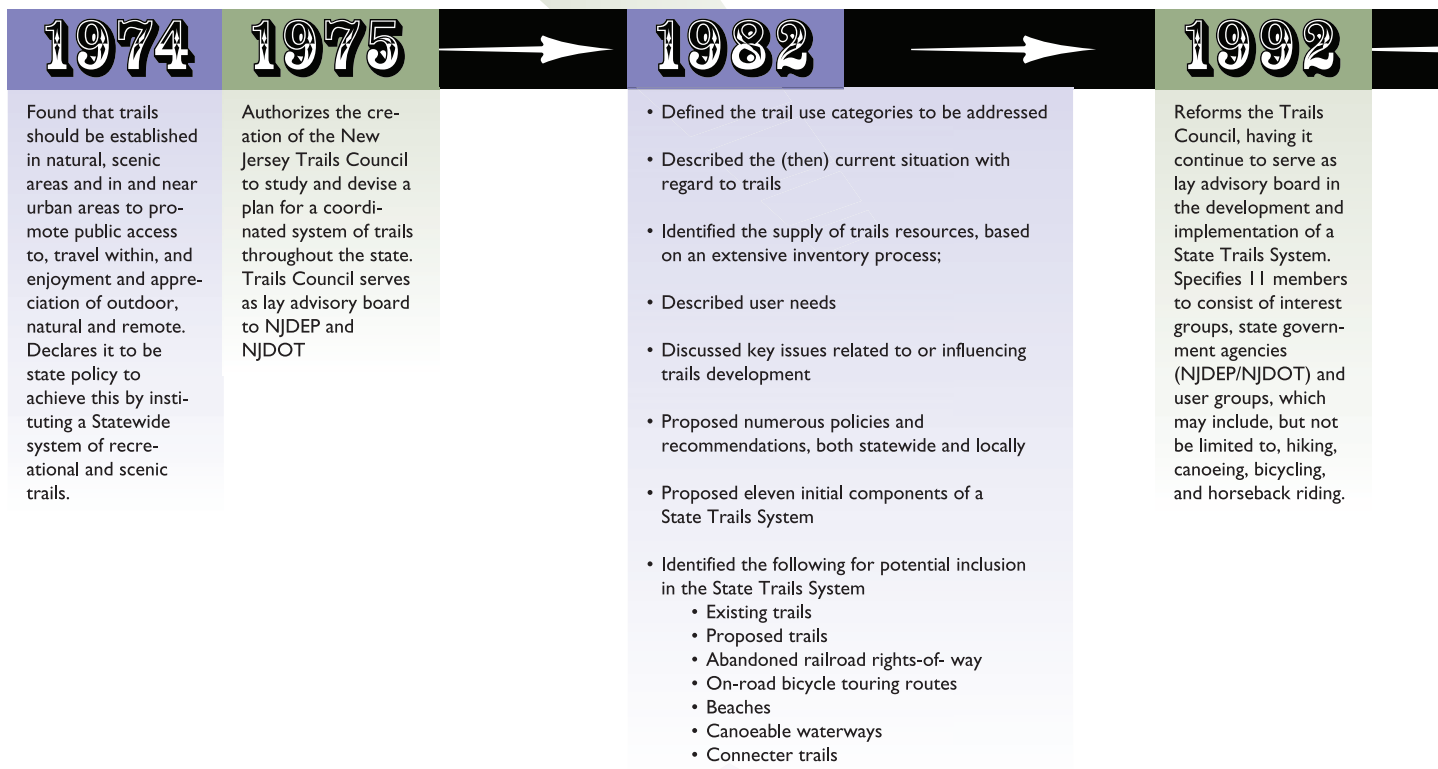


*“New Jersey Trails System Act” (Chapter 159; P.L.)
Chapter 367: Laws of the New Jersey Trails Council*

The 1982 New Jersey Trails Plan

Administrative Order No. 19



NJ Trails Plan Update

The 1996 New Jersey Trails Plan
Rules of 2000

NJ Trails Plan Update



1996

- Focused on the implementation of the State Trails System
- Administered a survey of existing trails to:
 - Ascertain the number, type and location of existing trails
 - Determine which were of "statewide significance."
- Evaluated trails in terms of:
 - Scenic quality
 - Accessibility
 - Length
 - Maintenance Costs
 - Public Support
 - Environmental Impact
- Recommended the Appalachian Trail and 25 others for the State Trails System.
- Identified 18 trails potentially eligible for the State Trails System, pending review
- Identified 23 potential trail routes that would meet existing and future demand for trails.
- Discussed 16 key trails issues and needs
- Presented a brief Action Plan to implement the State Trails System
 - One-year action items
 - Three-year action items
 - Five-year action items
 - Ongoing action items

2000

NJDEP readopts State Trails System Rules, which required completion of a management plan for the trails right of way. Eight trails were designated as parts of the State Trails System.

2006/2009

The New Jersey Trails Plan Update will...

- Readopt the more comprehensive approach of the 1982 Plan
- Present a detailed look at County Trails
- Address needs at all levels, including especially urban trails and ADA considerations
- Address an expanded list of issues
- Evaluate user needs in terms of detailed trail user profiles and the "ideal" trail experience
- Consider emerging and potential user trends
 - Adult tricycles
 - Recumbent bicycles
 - Bicycle trailers
 - Hand cycles
 - Wheelchairs
 - Kick scooters
 - Segways
- Consider emerging and potential social trends
 - Suburbanization/sprawl, along with reurbanization
 - Aging population – more leisure time
 - Limited public funding
 - High costs for right-of-way acquisition
 - Continued NIMBY resistance

