

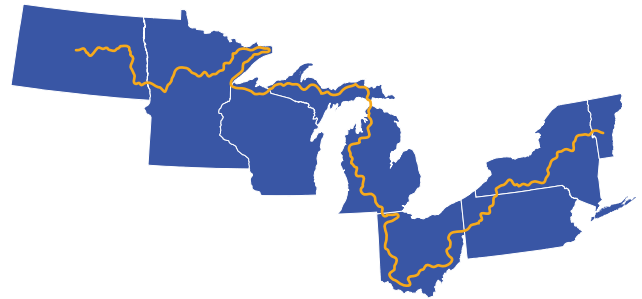


North Country National Scenic Trail FY2026 Funding + Legislative Requests

Summary of Request

America's longest National Scenic Trail and newly designated unit of the National Park System is still a work in progress with 1,500 miles yet to be developed over eight states. As such, the Federal Agencies and nonprofit organizations that have a role in administering and managing the NCNST need significantly more resources and support to complete the route and protect its resources. **The budget and legislative requests below will go a long way in ensuring America's longest National Scenic Trail is a legacy you can leave for millions of Americans.**

With more than 1,500 miles yet to be built, the North Country National Scenic Trail is at a critical stage in its development, needing your support and action on these funding and legislative requests.



Federal Funding

- ONPS for the North Country National Scenic Trail for Fiscal Year 2026 of **\$2,500,000**. The National Park Service needs significantly more resources to do their duty, mandated by Congress, to develop America's longest National Scenic Trail. Additional compliance and land protection staff are needed to ensure the NPS is able to lead in the planning of this incredible resource and support their many partners in its development, maintenance, and protection.
- USDA funding for the North Country National Scenic Trail for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$200,000.

Legislative Support

- Reauthorization of the Legacy Restoration Fund

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