Public Lands Team

Mount Vernon Trail, VA Source: Volpe Center

Volpe's Public Lands Team helps public land management agencies resolve complex transportation challenges at both the program and project levels.

Every year, over one billion people visit America's national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and other public lands. These extraordinary places, which comprise about one-third of the U.S. landmass, offer natural, scenic, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities found nowhere else—and they face unique transportation challenges, different from the issues typically experienced by urban areas and small towns.

We are planners, engineers, economists and analysts. Our work draws on expertise in a variety of fields, including policy and program development, multimodal systems planning, alternative fuels and vehicle selection, environmental compliance, and climate change mitigation and resilience.

In addition to our agency-wide program development and evaluation efforts, we have carried out planning and analysis projects at nearly 150 locations nationwide.





The Volpe Center is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation. We have more than 20 years of experience working with public land management agencies.

Partners We Work With

















Capabilities



We develop multi-dimensional alternative transportation solutions, including evaluations of transit and alternative fuel and nonmotorized transportation.



We work to characterize transportation needs and priorities to advance economically efficient, socially just, and environmentally sustainable access to public lands.



We work to improve safety and congestion through both national-level program development and site-level analyses.



We work with public lands units to craft long-term transportation plans, performance measures, and provide support for implementation.



We help public lands units evaluate and implement technologies that improve visitor information, reduce congestion, and track visitation.



We help public land agencies resolve environmental challenges through data collection, modeling, and compliance activities.