To guide our collective efforts to prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System in 2018 the Partnership for the National Trails System in 2008 adopted “A Decade for the National Trails System” Initiative with these three Goals and major Actions to implement them.

**GOAL ONE: Increase public awareness of the National Trails System and its component trails so that it becomes well known to every citizen and community in the United States.**

**ACTIONS:**
- Develop and market a series of PBS films with an interactive website depicting each national scenic and historic trail and the National Trails System.
- Develop programs and activities to engage and involve youth (especially urban youth) in appreciating, using, and helping to sustain national scenic and historic trails.
- Work with the Department of the Interior Office of Youth in Natural Resources to share and spread information about opportunities for youth involvement in the National Trails System.
- Work with local, regional, or national health organizations to demonstrate how NSHTs can promote personal and community health.

**GOAL TWO: Complete and enhance the designated National Trails for public appreciation and enjoyment.**

**ACTIONS:**
- Complete inventories of the natural and cultural resources and mapping of the routes of all national scenic and historic trails.
- Develop and implement land protection plans for all national scenic and historic trails.
- Collaborate with federal agencies to include mapped corridors to preserve the integrity and aesthetic quality of all national scenic and historic trails and their adjoining landscapes in agency land management plans.
- Complete construction of all scenic and historic trails and necessary interpretive and other support facilities.

**GOAL THREE: Build the capacity of the organizations and federal agencies involved to better administer, manage, and sustain national scenic, historic, and recreation trails.**

**ACTIONS:**
- Regularly provide training for trail organizations to enhance their ability to recruit and retain leaders, to raise funds to sustain their efforts, and to better govern themselves. Provide training for organization leaders and agency staff in trail land and resources protection techniques.
- Enhance the volunteer programs and volunteer coordination staffing of the federal agencies and the trail organizations to significantly increase volunteer recruitment, training, empowerment, and retention.

**Affiliate Members:**
- American Discovery Trail Association
- Carson Valley Trails Association
- National Frontier Trails Museum
- Back Country Horsemen Association
- Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association
- Tahoe Rim Trail Association
- Smoky Hill Trail Association

**National Scenic Trail Organizations:**
- American Hiking Society
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Arizona Trail Association
- Continental Divide Trail Alliance
- Continental Divide Trail Society
- Florida Trail Association
- Ice Age Trail Alliance
- Natchez Trace Parkway Association
- North Country Trail Association
- Pacific Crest Trail Association
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association
- Potomac Heritage Trail Association
- Connecticut Forest & Park Association

**National Historic Trail Organizations:**
- Ala Kahakai Trail Association
- E Mau Na Ala Hele
- Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona
- Anza Trail Foundation
- Heritage Trails
- Camino Real Trail Association
- El Camino Real De Los Tejas
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- Iditarod National Historic Trail, Inc.

**National Trails System:**
- Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
- Mormon Trails Association
- Nez Perce Trail Foundation
- National Pony Express Association
- Old Spanish Trail Association
- Oregon California Trails Association
- Overmountain Victory Trail Association
- Santa Fe Trail Association
- Trail of Tears Association