



TRIANGLE OFF-ROAD CYCLISTS Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, North Carolina TORC-NC.ORG

From: Your favorite Bike Nut  
To: Family and Friends  
Re: My Passion

You know that I love to bike, and that's why I'm writing to you about TORC: Triangle Off-Road Cyclists. TORC is a non-profit, member-based organization dedicated to promoting, building and maintaining sustainable trail access for mountain bikers within the greater Triangle area of North Carolina.

### **Background**

Just over a year and a half ago, a group of dedicated individuals got together to discuss their off-road riding passion. These folks had been involved in the Triangle off-road riding scene for years, and were responsible for much of the existing legal trail currently in the area. Based on these initial meetings, TORC was formed to provide a more powerful and unified voice for the many different groups in the local mountain biking community.

With 200 members and still growing, TORC is now a chapter of SORBA (Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association), the largest mountain biking association in the Southeast. TORC has also become accepted as the new hub of the Triangle mountain biking community. We have worked effectively with managers of existing trail systems and are currently finalizing agreements to maintain and/or expand almost all of the existing legal trail systems in the Triangle. More importantly, we have worked successfully with land managers, developers and municipalities, to create opportunities to build new mountain bike trails. Right now, we have three specific opportunities for new trail development:

**o Forest Ridge**

We have approval to develop as much as 20 miles of trail in this new park in Raleigh.

**o Briar Chapel**

We have approval to develop as much as 15 miles of new trail in this new residential development just south of Chapel Hill.

**o North Wake Landfill**

We have approval to develop 4-5 miles of new trail in this Wake County Park project.

### **Looking Ahead**

To build good, new, sustainable mountain bike trails, we need several things:

**o Land**

As noted above, we have three separate tracts of land just waiting for trail development.

**o Manpower and Trail-Building Expertise**

With the broad base of TORC members, we have both the manpower and expertise to do the job.

**o Tools and Equipment**

This is where we, as a start-up, non-profit organization, need your help. We need to raise \$50,000 for the purchase of:

- o Trail-building tools
- o A trailer
- o A walk-behind Skid Steer Loader
- o Operating funds and reserve

With the purchase of these items, we can immediately move forward and put new trail on the ground. We're ready, and now we need your help!

### **What You Can Do**

In order to raise the funds needed, we are soliciting donations from our friends and family. To help, please make your tax-deductible contribution and forward it to us with the enclosed contribution form. Your help and assistance are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Your favorite Bike Nut