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### **Chestnuts Planted Along the Blue Ridge Railway Trail**

The Amherst County Public Works department planted 15 chestnut saplings from the American Chestnut Foundation planted along the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail near the Roses Mill access point. The saplings are part of an effort to restore the trees to the trail. The trees will grow for several years and should spawn more saplings to replant before blight overtakes them.

The Roses Mill Trail is part of the Blue Ridge Railway Trail. Harvesting chestnut trees is what initially brought the railway to this section of the Commonwealth in 1914. Trees were harvested for their value and shipped north on the railroad.



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