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Jim Schmid reviews Chuck Flink's newest book "The Greenway Imperative: Connecting Communities and Landscapes for a Sustainable Future."

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- [\(Vermont\) Burlington Calls on Residents to Help Name Three Multi-use Trails](#)
- [\(Pennsylvania\) Cycle Club Members Take Over Job of GAP Trail Ambassadors](#)
- [\(California\) Coastal Rail Trail project moving along, but finish line is ways away](#)
- [\(Oregon\) Rebuilding Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail on Tough Terrain](#)
- [\(Georgia\) New trail finally underway in Augusta](#)
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Economic and Health Benefits of Walking, Hiking, and Bicycling on Recreational Trails in Washington State

Two new studies have been released. [Read more...](#)

What is the Typical Width of a Shared-Use Trail?

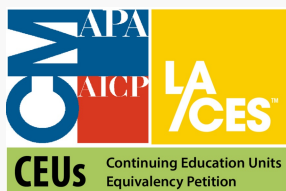
The best answer that you will get for how wide a trail should be is "it depends." [Read more...](#)

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The TRAILSNext™ Series brings you cutting edge information from leading experts in the trails world on today's hottest trail topics. These high energy 18-minute presentations were recorded to be made available to folks who were unable to attend this year's International Trails Symposium.

Each month we will be featuring one of these talks in our eNews, and you can purchase the entire series on our website at this [link](#).

This month we are sharing with you "Rails to Trails" by presenter Liz Thorstensen.

Liz describes her presentation by saying, "At Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, we believe in the transformative power of connected trail networks. When trail networks are embraced as vital community assets, they bring powerful solutions for addressing issues as far ranging as chronic disease, resiliency, mobility, social equity and economic growth. We are committed to connecting trails and building comprehensive trail systems that bring people together and get them where they want to go. In eight diverse places across the country, RTC is invested in digging in with hundreds of partners to make trail networks happen. These TrailNation projects are incredibly unique but share a common goal: to prove the potential of trails in delivering significant outcomes."

