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October 2021

## Trail User Survey Library

We gathered together some of the best examples of Trail User Surveys completed by a variety of organizations and agencies. Find great examples to inform and inspire you to collaborate with your trail users to gather data for funding, maintenance, events, and more.

[Read more...](#)



## The American Trails 2021 Costume Contest is Now Open!



## Ohio's Storybook Trails Offer a Literary Trail Experience

These unique trails, partially funded by Recreational Trails Program grants, promote the importance of literacy, a healthy lifestyle, and connecting with nature. [Read more...](#)

It's time to show off your costume outdoors and enter the 4th annual American Trails Costume Contest! Enter by November 1. [Read more...](#)

## Sun Corridor Trail Alliance Action Plan

Check out this amazing example of collaborative, community-driven trail planning. This planning project offers ideas that would be useful to any community seeking to develop their own trail action plan. [Read more...](#)

## National Recreation Trails Highlight: Three Rivers Heritage Trail

This urban rail-trail parallels the riverbanks in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area for about 21 miles, often on both sides of the rivers, and offering a spectacular view of the city. [Read more...](#)

## Apply for National Recreation Trail (NRT) Designation by November 1

The deadline to apply for NRT status is approaching. Check out our [NRT webinar](#) and the additional webinar we held on [National Water Trails](#), then visit this [webpage](#) for information on submitting your application.

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## Trail Policy and Advocacy Landscape

Here are some of the policy and advocacy issues we are tracking.

- **Public Comment and Virtual Listening Sessions for Executive Order 13985**  
Please join the Department of the Interior (DOI) for a listening session regarding barriers that underserved communities and individuals may face in participating in outdoor recreation opportunities on DOI-managed public lands and waters.
- **What the Infrastructure Bill Means for Trails and Active Transportation**  
The team at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) hosted a webinar on Oct. 7 to download the most recent status of the status of the infrastructure bill, which includes reauthorization of the multi-year federal surface transportation bill. During the webinar, RTC addresses what the process on Capitol Hill means for trails, walking and biking, and what's next in our collective advocacy to create connected active transportation systems will transform communities.



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## Resources and Training

### Launching a Successful Civilian Climate Corps

This paper outlines ways to achieve two key goals: First, to create career paths for young people; and secondly, to improve the U.S.' ability to counter, and adapt to climate change, especially in communities that have suffered from environmental injustices. [Read more...](#)

### Request for Proposal (RFP) for Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area, Michigan, Park Planning and Design Services

The Charter Township of Garfield, Michigan is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for a contract to conduct park planning and design services for the improvement of Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area. Please see the full RFP at the link. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15. [Read more...](#)

### Emerging Leaders of the World Trails Network

Are you interested in staying informed or helping to create and establish an Emerging Leaders Network or Group (name TBD)? Join the World Trails Network on October 29 at 12:30 pm UTC for a forum to kick-off the caucus and define its scope, structure, and goals. [Read more...](#)

### Join Our Facebook Group "Trail Workers of America"

This group is created for trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail related issues. [Join here...](#)

### Training Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities

Check out our [training calendar](#) for upcoming conferences and events. You can also find volunteer opportunities [here](#). If you have an opportunity for us to post, please email [trailhead@americantrails.org](mailto:trailhead@americantrails.org).



### Featured Trail Organization: Friends of Florida State Forests

Friends of Florida State Forests is a direct support organization of the Florida Forest Service that supports recreation and reforestation projects on Florida's state forests. [Learn more about this company...](#)

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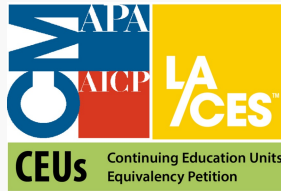
## Free October Webinars

- October 7: *From SOQ to IDIQ: Trail Contracting Models*
- October 28: *Trail Ambassador Programs: Tips, Tricks, and Best Practices (Part 1 of 2)*

## Free November Webinars

- November 4: *Developing a Trail Competency Framework*
- November 10: *Trails Count: Getting the Most Out of Trail Use Data*
- November 18: *How GIS Can Be Used to Save the Places We Love*

Learning credits are included for free for our webinars. [View a list of all of our upcoming and archived webinars...](#)



## Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities

American Trails is excited to partner with the following organizations to offer learning credits for free to attendees.

### Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) Webinar Series

A part of the American Trails Advancing Trails Webinar Series, the PTBA is hosting a three-part webinar series the first Thursday in October, November, and December. The webinars and their learning credits are free to attendees thanks to a generous sponsorship from PTBA and the Federal Highway Administration. The first webinar in the series, titled "From SOQ to IDIQ: Trail Contracting Models," was held on October 7. [Download the recording and learn more about the other webinars in the series...](#)

### Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit – October 17-23

The 2021 summit will be a statewide, virtual event supplemented by regional, in-person outdoor stewardship events, in-field learning opportunities, and outdoor networking happy hours (as public health guidance allows). [Register and learn more here...](#)

*If you are interested in partnering with American Trails to offer learning credits for free to your attendees of an upcoming webinar, conference, or training (virtual or in-person), email [candace@americantrails.org](mailto:candace@americantrails.org).*

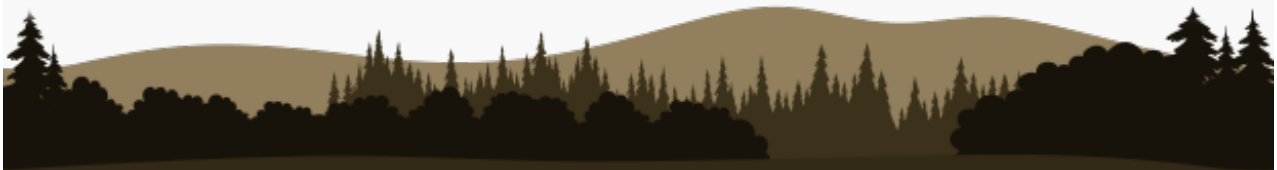


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#### Featured Trail Job: Government Relations Expert

The Corps Network (TCN) seeks a full-time Government Relations Coordinator to work with the Director of Government Relations in the Washington, DC office. The Government Relations Coordinator will work to execute the policy and legislative agenda and to promote TCN's Member-Corps to Congress and the Federal Government. *[Read more...](#)*

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