

## Introducing Our Newest Funding Opportunity, the Legacy Trails Program!

American Trails is excited to introduce our newest funding opportunity. The goal of the program is to support projects that restore, protect, and maintain crucial watersheds on our national forests and grasslands. American Trails is administering this grant program with awards up to \$100K per project.

The program opens to applications in early October.





#### Trails in the News...

- Dramatic Views, Trails for All Types of Fitness Seekers: Phoenix Park is
   <u>a Hiker's Dream</u> (Arizona)
- First Coast-to-Coast Trail Would be Boon for Indiana Pathways (Indiana)
- Great New Jersey Bike Paths to Check out Before Summer Ends (New Jersey)
- <u>The Thrill of Cycling North Dakota's Maah Daah Hey Trail</u> (North Dakota)
- New State Park Near Lehigh Valley to be First Dedicated to ATVs, Other Motorized Recreation (Pennsylvania)
- <u>New Paddling Trail Opens on Toledo Bend Reservoir</u> (Texas)
- <u>Washington to Receive \$6M in Federal Funding to Repair Roads</u>, <u>Improve Fish Passage, Maintain Trails</u> (Washington)
- <u>A New Recreational Trail in Kaukauna will Highlight the City's Early</u>
   <u>History</u> (Wisconsin)



### Apply for National Recreation Trail Designation by November 1

The National Recreation Trail (NRT) program works to preserve and celebrate our nation's pathways. If you are interested in applying, check out our <u>NRT webinar</u> and

the additional webinar we held on <u>National Water Trails</u>, then visit this <u>webpage</u> for information on submitting your application.



# Go Where the Trail Leads You with Bell's Brewery

Bell's Brewery Launches Second Annual 'Go Where the Trail Leads You' Campaign with <u>Partnership for the</u> <u>National Trails System</u>. This partnership raises money for preservation and encourages the use of national trails. <u>Find out more >></u>



### Joe Stone & Universal Trail Design Podcast

Join the Trail EAffect Podcast for episode 86 featuring Joe Stone, the Director of Mission for Teton Adaptive. The primary topic for this episode is Universal Trail Design, which is a mind shift on how trails can be viewed. Find out more >>>



#### Featured National Recreation Trail: Seven Mile Loop Trail, Florida

This 7.25-mile-long trail offers hikers and cyclists access to some of Florida's unique habitats – salt marsh, tidal creeks, coastal estuary, oak hammock, and pine flatwoods as they follow two-track limestone paths left from historic uses of this land. <u>Find out more >></u>



#### Recreational Trails Program Highlight: Brighton Park, Ohio

A former brownfield site becomes a natural and recreational asset while simultaneously improving ecological conditions in a riparian zone and improving park access and trail connectivity for a Cleveland neighborhood. Find out more >>>



#### Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: R.J. Thomas Mfg. Company Inc. / Pilot Rock

R.J. Thomas Mfg. Company designs and manufactures the Pilot Rock brand of park, street, and campsite products. <u>Find out more >></u>



### **Training and Resources**



#### International Trails Summit Registration Opens September 20

American Trails, PTBA, and the World Trails Network – Hub for the Americas are curating a high-impact conference program that combines some of the most pressing issues in the trails community right now with technical trail education to ensure that our trails are designed and built to stand the test of time. General registration will open September 20 to allow FY2022

funding to be used. Find out more >>>

#### International Trails Summit Exhibitor Opportunities

Our exhibit hall will serve as the "hub" of the trails summit and will provide a more intimate experience between exhibitors and attendees. There will be less booth spaces available to allow more room for our trail talk tables for morning breakfasts and afternoon networking opportunities. We have already sold 12% of booth space so don't delay! <u>Find out more >></u>



#### Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Wild East Action Fund Accepting Applications for Eligible Land Protection and Conservation Planning Projects

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Wild East Action Fund. This grant fund supports land protection and conservation planning projects that accelerate the pace and scale of conservation within the Appalachian Trail landscape. The deadline to apply is September 29, 2022. <u>Find out more >></u>



#### **Biden-Harris Administration to Help Rural Communities Grow Outdoor Recreation Economy**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Northern Border Regional Commission to announce assistance for 25 small and rural communities from across the country to identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economies and revitalize Main Streets through the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program. Find out more »



# Shareable Safe and Responsible Use Videos for Off-Highway Vehicles

Check out five safety videos created for the 2022 National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee. <u>Find out more >></u>

Trail Terms

#### Glossary of Trail Terms: Your Guide to Trail, Greenway, and Outdoor Recreation Terms

The terms are listed in alphabetical order so definitions of interest can be found quickly. The definitions clearly point to the intersection of trails and greenway work with numerous other disciplines and professions. We think that everyone involved with trails and greenway development will find that this is not just a useful list of terms. Spending some time with this list will provide education about the various professions and their terminology. Find out more



#### **Advancing Trails Webinar Series**

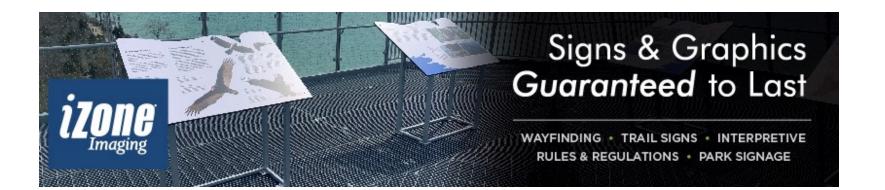
All webinars are recorded and can be accessed for free via our <u>online store</u> at any time. Recordings are also being added to our <u>YouTube channel</u> on a weekly basis.

Free September Webinars

- September 1: How to Develop a Trail Crew Leader Program
- September 8: Trail Planning Technology: A Digital Toolbox
- September 15: Enhancing Trail Stewardship through Leave No Trace
- September 22: <u>Study, Action, and Reflection: Increasing the Diversity of</u> <u>Trail Users and Supporters</u>
- September 29: Effective Communication with Elected Officials: Making the Case for Trails

#### **Additional Free Future Webinars**

- October 6: Effectively Using Social Media to Market Your Trail or Organization
- October 27: Building a Trail Foundation from the Ground Up
- November 17: <u>The National Digital Trails Project: Increasing Access and</u> <u>Opportunities</u>
- December 1: Wilderness Trails: Special Places, Special Considerations
- December 15: <u>U.S. Bicycle Route System: Success Stories from Across</u>
   <u>the Network</u>





**Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities** American Trails is partnering with the following organization(s)

to offer free learning credits to attendees:

Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit – October 27-29 in Mt. Hood, Oregon <u>Find out more >></u>

Successful U.S. Bicycle Route System Designation for State DOT Transportation Professionals – November 2 Webinar <u>Find out more >></u>



Build Your Skills
Training Calendar

Enter the Trails Workforce Job Board

#### Join the "Trail Workers of America" Group

Join your fellow trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail-related issues. <u>Find out more >></u>

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