

Reducing Impacts, Reusing Land...



RECYCLING TRAILS

TRAILS 2.0



- Backcountry Trails- Creative solutions possible, but many obstacles
- Frontcountry Trails- Small efforts, big results
- Urban Trails- Bringing the people what they need



TRAILS 1.0



- Backcountry Focus
- T/Roads are not trails
- Regulatory Hurdles
- High Cost- Low Benefit





Grand County, CO

Issues

- struggling economy
- beetle kill- 80% of forest dead
- road-based trail system no longer drawing visitation
- little maintenance capacity to reconstruct trails & road-trail conversion



Opportunities

- engaging Front Range population- marketing trail & facility improvements with beetle-related funds
- road-to-trail conversion
- improved trails and connectivity via private lands



Backcountry Retrofit?



BLACK CANYON, AZ

Issues

- "lost" trail
- rapidly expanding Phoenix population
- use conflict
- lack of supporting volunteer collaborators



Opportunities

- collaborative spirit
- winter season trail-based tourism
- "found" trail & NRT status= data baseline



Trails = Quality of Life



ARCADIA DUNES, MI



Issues

- expensive purchase
- membership growth
- brand awareness
- multi-use landscape



Opportunities

- large property = quality visitation
- trails "tell a story"
- organizational growth through trails



Trails = Members + Restoration



FORKS AREA TRAILS, SC

Issues

- lack of trail culture
- regulatory hurdles
- low quality forest
- very few influencers

Opportunities

- planned trail system
- purpose-built trail
- use compromise





Frontcountry For The Masses



Beasley Knob Trails, GA



Issues

- lack of trail/road management
- massive, nearby ohv closure
- no use data
- distant volunteers

Opportunities

- manageability vs. sustainability
- outside the box solutions
- test lab for other areas





Intense Management



Highbridge Park, NYC

Issues

- most urban park imaginable
- huge bureaucratic hurdle
- herding NYC cats
- no "trained" volunteers

Opportunities

- trail-based rec in NYC
- providing what's needed
- efficient use of small area





Building Neighborhood



Augusta Canal, GA

Issues

- limited capital
- mission focused on heritage interpretation
- trails are relatively new concept for managers
- trail pressure increasing rapidly



Opportunities

- thought leadership
- interpretation through physical activity
- programming collaboration



Trails = Redevelopment Core



Lorton Park, VA



Issues

- ghosts of past use
- urban flora
- huge area trail use pressure



Opportunities

- all-weather singletrack trails
- embracing history
- trailside challenges to lengthen visit



Post Industrial Trails



Urban Recreation Solutions

Issues

- unstructured play
- non-supporting built environment
- limited funds
- need mastery activities



Opportunities

- pocket trail parks
- active trails
- engaging diverse and multi-generation supporters





Trail Playgrounds



Backyard Trail Habitat