

2nd Biennial
**Greater Cleveland
Trails & Greenways
Conference 2012**



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June 6, 2012

Civic Center
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Plenary Session 1 Trails and Greenways, A Greater Cleveland Priority
9:45 - 10:30 AM	Plenary Session 2 Tools for Driving Trail Progress – Data, GIS and Maps
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break / Exhibits
11:00 AM - Noon	Plenary Session 3 A Trails Forum – What, Who, How
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch in the Kiwanis Pavilion / Exhibits
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Concurrent Session 1A Trails and Greenways and Placemaking
	Concurrent Session 1B Why Trails and Greenways are Important to Developers
2:30 - 2:50 PM	Break / Exhibits
2:50 - 4:10 PM	Concurrent Session 2A Trends and Challenges in Trail and Greenway Design
	Concurrent Session 2B Innovative, Dedicated Funding for Trails and Greenway Development and Operations
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Closing Plenary How Trails Hold Down Health Care Costs of Local Business
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Reception at Independence Technology Center Refreshments & Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenway Awards (Page 13)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

We have applied for continuing education credits for the following disciplines:

- Registered Sanitarian 5.50 CEUs
- Parks and Recreation Professionals - 4.4 CEUs
- Certified Planners - 5.5 CM credits

At the time of this printing CE approvals pending.
Certificates of attendance also available.

We thank the American Planning Association Cleveland Section and its members for assistance in program development and CM coordination.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speaker: **Hon. Gregory P. Kurtz**, Mayor of the City of Independence

Plenary Session 1 Trails and Greenways, A Greater Cleveland Priority

Moderator: **Brian Zimmerman**, Executive Director, Cleveland Metroparks

Speakers: **Hon. Frank Jackson**, Mayor of the City of Cleveland
County Executive Office, Cuyahoga County

Plenary Session 2 Tools for Driving Trail Progress – Data, GIS and Maps

Moderator: **Elaine Price**, Program Manager, Greenspace, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

Speakers: **Stephen Mather**, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Manager, Cleveland Metroparks
Daniel Meaney, Geographic Information Systems Manager, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
Marc Von Allmen, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

A new look at trail inventory and mapping efforts in Northeast Ohio with a focus on Cuyahoga County, including a snapshot of the current regional bikeway network and its growth in recent years. Using pertinent indicators and scorecards to evaluate or compare Northeast Ohio: with other peer cities; progress year-over-year; progress against goals. Suggests how collecting, organizing and displaying trail and bikeway data can be used to explore opportunities and priorities for completing and growing the trail network.

Plenary Session 3 A Trails Forum – What, Who, How

Moderator: **Rory Robinson**, Rivers and Trails Program, National Park Service

Speakers: **Dan Rice**, Co-Executive Director, Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
Eric Oberg, Manager of Trail Development, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Midwest Regional Office

A look at the need and approaches to successfully building partnerships to advance a multi-county regional trails plans and forum through examples in Summit County and Central Ohio.

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Concurrent Session 1A

Trails and Greenways and Placemaking

Moderator: **Eric Oberg**, Manager of Trail Development, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Midwest Regional Office

Speakers: **Marlane Weslian**, Neighborhood Development Officer, Slavic Village Development

Hon. Bruce Rinker, Mayor of Mayfield Village

Trails and greenways have shown through their multiple benefits to be major assets. This discussion will show how communities have used these assets to enhance their identity and create a real sense of place.

Concurrent Session 1B

Why Trails and Greenways are Important to Developers

Moderator: **George Cantor**, AICP, Cleveland City Planning Commission

Speakers: **Liz March-Robinson**, Third Federal Savings

Mitchell Schneider, President, First Interstate Properties, Ltd,

Frank T. Sinito, President, Millennia Companies, American Preservation Builders

This session will focus on the relatively new concept of incorporating multi-purpose trails and greenways into residential and commercial real estate projects. Attendees will hear from three Cleveland area developers who have pioneered the use of these amenities as an integral part of their development .

Concurrent Session 2A

Trends and Challenges in Trail and Greenway Design

Moderator: **Jeff Kerr**, Principal, Environmental Design Group

Speakers: **Andrea Irland**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Rivers and Trails Program, National Park Service

John Motl, P.E., Modes Management Engineer, District 12, Ohio Department of Transportation

Gerard Neugenbauer, P.E., Environmental Design Group

Panel participants will discuss important design challenges and concepts for communities thinking about connecting communities through trails.

Concurrent Session 2B

Innovative, Dedicated Funding for Trails and Greenway Development and Operations

Moderator: **Dave Vasarhelyi**, The Trust for Public Lands

Speakers: **Tim Donovan**, Co-Executive Director/ Ohio & Erie Canalway + Director/ Ohio Canal Corridor

Debby Rolland, Summit County Trail & Greenway Coordinator, Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

This session will explore funding strategies and to stimulate interest in launching a new course to identify possible revenue sources for funding and maintaining trails/ greenways.

Closing Plenary

How Trails Hold Down Health Care Costs of Local Business

Moderator: **Terry Allan**, Health Commissioner, Cuyahoga County Board of Health

Speaker: **David Pauer, MNO**, Director, EHP Wellness, Employee Health Plan, Cleveland Clinic

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John has monitored a number of transit studies by the Greater Cleveland RTA, the most prominent being the Euclid Corridor (Health Line) Bus Rapid Transit project completed in 2008. He has participated in rail studies for a Cleveland area commuter rail system, a Cleveland to Columbus to Cincinnati high speed rail line, the Ohio Hub Study (a rail hub system based in Cleveland providing intrastate and interstate service), and the West Shore Corridor Transportation Project.

Since 2000, John has devoted most of his time to the Cleveland Innerbelt Study and the resulting Cleveland Urban Core Projects, including reconstructing I-71/I-90, reconstruction of the West Shoreway, and the Opportunity Corridor Study.

John has worked on numerous bike and pedestrian projects throughout Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake Counties. Most prominent have been the Towpath Trail extension into downtown Cleveland, the West Shoreway Tunnel Rehabilitations, the Morgana Run Trail, the Mill Creek Trail, the Geauga County Rails to Trails Facility, and several Cleveland / Lake Metro Parks projects.

In addition, he has participated in many local planning studies, working with local communities and neighborhood organizations in Slavic Village, Ohio City, Tremont, Campus District, University Circle, Detroit-Shoreway, Union-Miles, Mount Pleasant, Collinwood, Shaker Heights, Lakewood, Westlake, Chardon, Euclid, North Olmsted, Concord Township, and Rocky River, among others.

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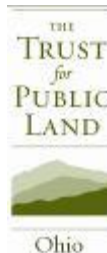


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Eric Oberg. Eric is responsible for the delivery of all levels of trail development technical assistance in six Midwest States for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, including managing technical assistance contracts, products and services. He assists local communities with trail planning and development through a variety of strategies, including: research, preparation and dissemination of resource materials such as fact sheets and studies; organizing and conducting public meetings and workshops and developing local trail advocacy networks; educating and training regional constituents; preparing planning documents and performing project consulting work; and developing grants and contracts to fund in-depth technical assistance. Eric has many years of experience in trail construction including surveying, layout & design, and both hand and machine based construction methods. He has extensive experience in planning, design and evaluation of Rail-with-Trail projects. In his work he plans for, deploys, maintains equipment and creates comprehensive reports for automated trail counts around the region.

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David has dedicated his career to nonprofit health organizations. He previously was a director of development for HealthSpace Cleveland, the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, executive director of the Herb Society of America, and the assistant executive vice president of the American Diabetes Association, Ohio Affiliate.

David earned a Master of Nonprofit Organizations degree, specializing in healthcare organizations, from Case Western Reserve University, and a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education from The Ohio State University. David spent a year studying Spanish language, culture, and public health in Madrid, Spain in a program through Bowling Green State University.

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Mr. Rice is a native of Ohio, with a B.A. in history from the College of Wooster and M.A. in American History from the University of Akron. Upon receipt of his M.A., Dan worked as Curator of Interpretation for the Summit County Historical Society, where he was responsible for the preservation and conservation of over 250,000 artifacts, development of interpretive exhibits, and educational programming.

Mr. Rice is associated with numerous professional organizations within and outside the field of heritage development. He played a key role in the organization of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas in 1997, served as Chairman of this national organization from 1997-2001 and currently serves as Chairman of Heritage Development Institute and Partnership Committee. Mr. Rice has served on numerous state boards and committees including, Ohio Heritage Area Partnership, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Canal Lands Advisory Committee, Trustee and Past Chairman of the Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Ohio Greenway Advisory Committee.

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His education includes a B.A. from Hamilton College and a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He is licensed in Ohio and has been admitted to the Ohio and U.S. District Courts.

He is a member of the American and Ohio Bar Associations, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, the American Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, the Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Associations, the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network and The City Club, and is a Founding Trustee of the Mayfield School Business Community Alliance.

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Outstanding Trail Connection – **Lake to Lake Trail**
Visionary Trail Award – **Johnston Mill Run, Bike and Pedestrian Trail**
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Welcome

to the second biennial Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference!

Following the success of the first conference in 2010, and interest in continuing it on a recurring basis, we see this conference as being one of many in the years to come. This year's program contains a number of leading community leaders, planning and design specialists and area developers eager to share their knowledge and experiences.

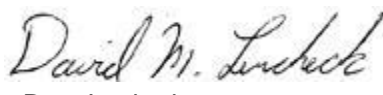
During this year's conference, we'll learn where we stack up against other regions and how we can develop a dynamic, multi-county regional trail network right here in Northeast Ohio. We'll explore how trails and greenways help local communities establish a sense of place; how developers are incorporating trails and greenspace into their projects; and how trails can help hold down a community's health care costs. We'll learn about potential funding opportunities to help develop and operate projects, and about the latest trends and challenges in trail and greenway design. And, we'll discuss how we can make individual communities and our region as a whole an even more attractive place to visit, live, work and invest in.

Thank-you to all our partners, sponsors, speakers and volunteers for their contributions towards making this event a success. And thank-you to all our attendees for your interest and commitment to bringing a world class greenway trail network to Greater Cleveland and recognizing the value of trails and greenways as pathways to successful communities!

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- ◆ Encourage physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- ◆ Facilitate non-motorized transportation and walkable communities by providing safe, alternative access between neighborhoods, parks, schools, shopping, and employment centers
- ◆ Preserve and provide access to culturally & historically valuable areas
- ◆ Conserve and create open spaces and wildlife habitat
- ◆ Protect and enhance stream corridors and other natural areas that help mitigate stormwater impacts
- ◆ Educate young and old alike about the value and importance of the natural environment
- ◆ Strengthen local economies, increase property values and provide amenities which help attract homeowners and businesses
- ◆ Make communities better places to live

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