Welcome

2019 Trails Legislative Platform Webinar
Webinar Goals

• Introduce the GF and highlight past legislative actions
• Outline the Indiana Bicycle Trails Task Force findings
• Introduce the Indiana legislative process
• Listen to our trail stakeholders on what issues matter
  • Discuss survey results and questions
• Compile list of issues to formulate a Trails Legislative Platform
• Set timeline for approaching legislators and bill introduction
The Greenways Foundation of Indiana

Our Mission & Programs
OUR HISTORY

• Created in 1991 with a vision to create a connected trail system in Central Indiana
• Expanded focus to statewide in 2006
• We represent trail organizations across the state: governmental & nonprofit
• We represent a variety of trail types and trail user types

3,636 miles of trails in Indiana
2018 FOCUS

• Expand Grants Program
• Expand Technical Assistance offerings
• Expand Membership Opportunities & Participation
• Expand Advocacy efforts for Trails Maintenance Funding
• Host Trail Supporters at Annual Luncheon
• Increase Fundraising
  ➢ Memberships, donation, BMV Specialty Plate sales, unrestricted grant funding sources
• Roll out IU Eppley Institute Indiana Trails Study
Great ideas deserve great support

The Greenways Foundation is accepting grant applications for the year 2018 until November 15, 2018. It is important to note that grant applications are reviewed on a first-in, first-out basis. For 2018, we have grant funds totaling $20,000 with a maximum of $5,000 per applicant. The grant application and instructions are located by clicking on the links on the right side of this page.

The Butler, Fairman & Seufert 2018 Greenways Foundation Trails Grant Program is funded entirely by the proceeds received through our Indiana BMV specialty license plate. Please consider purchasing a Greenways Foundation plate to show your support for trails and greenways when you renew your tags, and help us to market our plate program on your Facebook page/web site. If you already are a supporter, thank you.

In addition to the general trails funding through the grant program, The Greenways Foundation is offering "start-up" grants in 2018 for those interested in establishing a Not-For-Profit Trail Group. Interested applicants can apply for a grant up to $1,000.00 to cover the IRS application fee to become a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

The Greenways Foundation Grant Review Committee will review your grant request and if additional information is required to make a determination, the committee will be in contact as soon as possible. Once the committee has reviewed your grant application it will go to the Greenways Foundation Board of Directors for final approval/disapproval. You will be notified of the results immediately. Grant requests normally take 60 days to review and notification of the results announced.
Legislative History

• Lack of funding available statewide to maintain growing trails network
• Costs average $3,500 to $6,500 yearly
• Local trail organizations maintain many miles, with scarce funds
• GF worked with legislators in 2014 to introduce bill
• The Recreational Trail Maintenance Fund (RTMF) signed by Gov. Pence in 2014
• No dedicated funding source
• Goal for 2019 Session
Indiana Bicycle Trails Task Force

- Created in 2017 by Gov. Holcomb
- 18-members including legislators, advocates and various interests
- Goals include innovative funding sources, changes to bicycle safety laws and connecting corridors
- Three sub-committees formed for each
- Reports have been created for funding and safety
- Report for corridors expected in Dec.
- Final report due July 1, 2019
Funding Subcommittee

- Examined a number of innovative strategies including:
  - Public-private partnerships
  - Sporting goods sales tax
  - State gas tax
  - Real estate transfer tax
  - Sin tax
  - General appropriations
  - Utility easements
  - Waste Tire Fee
  - Tipping Fee/Environmental Penalties
  - Cigarette tax
  - User Fees
Safety Subcommittee

• Recommended changes to state law and proposed new programs

• Laws include:
  • Adopt a statewide safe passing law (3-foot)
  • Adopt statewide Complete Streets Policy
  • Clarify e-bike laws in state statute

• Programs include:
  • Safety education in elementary & middle schools
  • Regular tracking and updating of bike crash data statewide
  • Training of police and law enforcement
Next Level Connections

- Governor Holcomb announced a $1 billion infrastructure initiative in Sept.
- $90 million will be dedicated to trails.
- Governor hosted a meeting in Sept to figure out how money to be allocated.
- Meeting on November 13th to present draft guidelines.
- Program will require a 20% local match, but this could be in-kind.
- Either DNR or INDOT led.
- Application cycle should begin by year’s end.
Towards an Indiana Trails Caucus

- Model after Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus
- Formed in 2017 with help of RTC
- Bipartisan group of 28 state officials
- Focus on improving trails & ensuring smart planning for future networks
- Established goals:
  - Hosted Legislator Trail Event
  - Create dynamic online trail map
  - Update state trail plan
  - State agency capacity building
  - State Economic Impact Study
2019 Legislative Timeline

• November 20\textsuperscript{th} - Organization Day for all legislators (new bill introduction)

• December 5\textsuperscript{th} – approximate deadline to for new bills to be prepared for start of session

• January 14\textsuperscript{th} – Session convenes

• February – GF Day @ Statehouse (proposed)

• April 21\textsuperscript{st} – Session adjourns (est.)
Working with you Legislator

• Get to know your local State Representative & Senator @ iga.in.gov

• Study and understand the Trails Legislative Platform

• Call legislator’s office for appointment, and speak with staffer about the Platform

• Express your desire to have legislator sponsor or co-sponsor bills for trails

• Be clear about your intentions and support with facts provided by GF - BE NICE

• After meeting with legislator encourage others to write in support as well (w/in district)

• Keep informed of bill progress on iga.in.gov
Survey Question 1:

As a representative of a trails advocacy group, do you think Indiana has adequate trails and greenways to meet user needs?

Answered: 15  Skipped: 0

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Comments (6)
Survey Question 1 Comments:

• High concentrations in some areas, but large areas lacking trails
• Especially lacking trails on east side of state
• Overall connectivity within the state needs much work
Survey Question 2:

What type of trails does your organization maintain?

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<td>Trails used by horses and their riders.</td>
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<td>Paved trails in urban areas.</td>
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<td>Gravel or crushed stone trails in both urban and rural areas.</td>
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<td>Bike paths along streets and roads.</td>
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Survey Question 2 Comments:

• Rail-trail in rural areas
• We support stakeholder groups for cycling
• Help with maintaining trails
• We don’t maintain trails
• Just advocacy
Survey Question 3:

What are the most pressing issues faced by your organization as it relates to trails?

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<td>Conflicts with neighboring property owners</td>
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<td>Safety for trail users</td>
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<td>Adequate funding to maintain trail infrastructure</td>
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<td>Vandalism to trail facilities (graffiti, sign damage, etc.)</td>
<td>6.67%</td>
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<td>Funding for new trail construction projects</td>
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<td>Liability concerns</td>
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Survey Question 3 Comments:

• Vehicular awareness of interacting with trails and crossings. Also trail users being respectful to other users.
• Rehab and maintenance support
• Purchasing / acquiring / obtaining land
• Having access to legal help
Survey Question 4:

Does your trail organization have a dependable source of ongoing funding?

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Survey Question 4 Comments:

• Privately funded for operations.
• Annual bike ride, corporate sponsors, individual donations
• Memberships, but not enough to cover basic costs
• Private funding
• Fundraisers and donations
Survey Question 5:

Has your organization contacted state legislators in the past regarding trail issues? If so, what issues were raised?

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<td>No, we have not contacted state legislators in the past.</td>
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<td>Yes, we have contacted state legislators in the past.</td>
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Survey Question 5 Comments:

• We have contacted them to encourage support for maintenance fund. We also educate them on the benefits of trails.
• Funding maintenance
• To get their support for local trail projects
• Maintenance and funding
• Reposition good parts, and remove bad parts of 8-4.5
• Trail funding/INDOT issues
Survey Question 6:

Would your organization be willing to champion a "Trails Legislative Platform" with your local representatives and senators?

Answered: 14   Skipped: 1

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<td>Yes, we would!</td>
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<td>No, not at this time.</td>
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<td>Other - please let us know how you might be willing to help.</td>
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Survey Question 6 Comments:

- Yes, but unclear how the legislature could fund maintenance run by non-profits
- We are not allowed to engage legislators directly
- Yes although we are not local to IN
- What’s in TLP?
Survey Question 7:

Has your organization heard of the Greenways Foundation and its grant program for trails in Indiana (www.greenwaysfoundation.org)?

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<td>Yes, but we have not received funds from the Greenways Foundation.</td>
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<td>Yes, and we have obtained grant funding from the Greenways Foundation in the past.</td>
<td>26.67%</td>
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<td>No, we were unaware of grant opportunities from the Greenways Foundation.</td>
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Survey Question 8:

Do you believe that trail and greenway interests are well-understood by Indiana elected officials?

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Comments (8)
Survey Question 8 Comments:

- Not as well as they could be
- Our local reps understand and are always willing to help
- I think they understand the importance of trails, but have no idea the level of positive impact they have on the state. I also think they do not understand the level of support needed to connect the communities and the state.
- There is still a lack of understanding with regards to the real on the ground value of trails to the communities that invest in them
- The governor's recent funds make me say yes. Not sure about everyone though
- Some do but not enough
- There is always a need for education of electeds
Survey Question 9:

With respect to trail safety and access by users, do you think local trails in your area are:

- Answered: 15  Skipped: 0

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<td>Safe in most areas, but with local areas of concern.</td>
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<td>Challenged by safety for users during certain time periods.</td>
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<td>Not sure.</td>
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**TOTAL**                                             | 15        |
Next Steps:

• GF Board will review comments
• Draft Trails Legislative Platform will be sent to stakeholders by late next week
• Final TLP will be sent week of November 19
• GF will update stakeholders of bill processes
• GF will notify stakeholders of Legislative Day in February when set
• Hope to see y’all at our next luncheon in April!
Please join us in energizing Greenways across Indiana!

www.greenwaysfoundation.org

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