

Supporting ALL of Our Great Hoosier Trails!

The Greenways Foundation of Indiana is a charitable trust working to promote the growth, enhancement and use of Indiana's multi-use trails, both land and water-based. To accomplish that, we solicit donations and make grants in support of greenway development, enhancement and operation.

Our primary activities include:

- ▶ Assisting in forming effective local trails organizations
- ▶ Building initial community support for trails
- ▶ Providing startup grants to help local trails organizations build capacity and local support
- ▶ Acting as a source of trails information and consultation to local Indiana governments
- ▶ Promoting best practices in the planning, marketing, design, development, and management of linear parks

In 2020, the Greenways Foundation helped form the first Indiana Legislative Trails Caucus along with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The Caucus represents a group of state legislators—republicans and democrats from the House and Senate—committed to creating a statewide trails network that provides significant health, economic and other quality of life benefits for all Hoosiers.

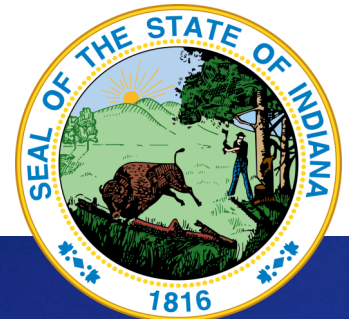


Please contact our Government Affairs Chair **Karlee Macer** at karlee.m@sbcglobal.com, or 317-260-1194 if you have any further questions or require additional clarifications on our legislative priorities for 2022.

Greenways
Foundation
of Indiana



Legislative Platform 2022



greenwaysfoundation.org



2022 Indiana Legislative Priorities



Statewide Economic Impact Study (EIS)

Support funding for a Statewide Trails EIS that will be a:

- ▶ Critical tool to maximize the full potential of trails/active transportation, i.e. guides smart policy development and investment decisions, which generate taxes and many other benefits.
- ▶ Foundation for a State Trails Marketing Plan, an Indiana Trails Vision priority action item, and confirms why connecting and maintaining a statewide trails network should be prioritized.



Creation of Sustainable Trails Development & Maintenance Fund

The Greenways Foundation thanks Governor Holcomb and the State Legislators for the \$150 million commitment from the Next Level Connections Program. Although substantial, it will only develop a fraction of the proposed 1000 miles of State Visionary Trails (as of 2019, just over 45% have been completed). Thus, an annual state fund is needed to distribute to both municipalities and trail nonprofits to advance the development of local and regional trails. This would be in-line with many neighboring states who have developed similar programs. The GF requests such a fund be administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and include dedicated funding for new trails, maintenance, and promotion. The DNR should also receive adequate funds to effectively administer said program.



State Agency Capacity Building

Support increased funding for capital appropriations in FY23-24 Capital Budget for trails and active transportation projects given their importance to promoting mental & physical health and well-being as well as economic recovery.

