

DAY 3

Thursday, November 9th

	MEETING ROOM 1	MEETING ROOM 2	MEETING ROOM 3	MEETING ROOM 4
8:45AM-9:30AM	Registration, Check-in & Coffee			
9:30AM-10:30AM	Engaging Youth on Historic and Scenic Trails	Building A-Typical Sustainable Partnerships and Promoting Equity: Strengthening Connections for a Better Future	GIS for Trail Accessibility	Florida's Recreational Trails Program
10:30AM-11:00AM	<i>Break</i>			
11:00AM-12:00PM	Engaging Youth on Historic and Scenic Trails	Building A-Typical Sustainable Partnerships and Promoting Equity: Strengthening Connections for a Better Future	GIS for Trail Accessibility	Florida's Recreational Trails Program
12:00PM-1:30PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
1:30PM-3:00PM	Next Gen Engagement on Trails	Equity and Inclusion On, Around, and Within the Ice Age Trail: A Holistic Model	Decade Goals Forum	Open Room
3:00PM-3:30PM	<i>Break</i>			
3:30PM-5:00PM	Next Gen Engagement on Trails	Equity and Inclusion On, Around, and Within the Ice Age Trail: A Holistic Model	Decade Goals Forum	
5:30PM-5:15PM	<i>Break</i>			
5:30PM-8:00PM	Meet-up options for attendees			



DAY 3 SESSIONS

BUILDING A-TYPICAL SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS AND PROMOTING EQUITY: STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

JULIE JUDKINS, SONIA RANGEL

Join us for an interactive session where we explore the power of (A-Typical) partnerships, discuss barriers and keys to success, and delve into the importance of equity in fostering inclusive and resilient communities. The two key topics of discussion will include: A-Typical partnerships, barriers, and keys to success, and Affinity groups, what are they, and why they are important. We will:

- explore the concept of atypical partners, discussing what they are and why they hold value in our pursuit of meaningful collaborations
- address the potential barriers that can arise when forging partnerships and discuss strategies to overcome them
- share keys to success in establishing new partnerships with a focus on the fundamental principles of trust and reciprocity in relationship-building
- delve into the significance of affinity groups, exploring their definition and why they play a crucial role in fostering inclusivity
- delve into real-life examples of successful affinity groups

Join us for an informative and engaging presentation that aims to strengthen connections, promote sustainability, and foster equity within our organization. Together, we can create a better future for all.

ENGAGING YOUTH ON HISTORIC AND SCENIC TRAILS

MELISSA PIERICK, LUKE KLOBERDANZ, ELLEN VON
KARAJAN, CHRISTINA PITTSLEY & TRAVIS BOLEY

Join the Oregon-California Trails Association, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, and the Ice Age Trail Alliance to learn about their youth education and engagement programs. During the session you will learn more about:

- Planning, design and implementation logistics
- Resources and partners who will help along the way, including volunteer training
- Reaching school districts directly and establishing programs in different states
- Marketing ideas to tell your story to donors and potential funders

After learning about their successful programs, we will do a deeper dive into the topics discussed by both speakers and participants through larger group discussion and smaller group breakouts. This session will focus on engaging youth aged 8-13. Please come to the session with a 1-2 minute elevator speech about what your organization is working on or thinking about around youth engagement.

NEXT GEN ENGAGEMENT ON TRAILS

RACHEL SHIREMAN, TREVEN HOOKER, TYLER RAY

During this session you will learn about established next generation programs at American Hiking Society, Florida Trail Association, and Arizona Trail Association. This session is intended for those interested in understanding how to better engage young adults, how to start a next generation program or explore how to address challenges within an existing program. We will discuss: importance of youth engagement, what youth or next generation means, different approaches or tactics to reach program goals, what it's like to be engaged as a young person, and more. We will explore these topics and more through small group discussions and activities.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION ON, AROUND, AND WITHIN THE ICE AGE TRAIL: A HOLISTIC MODEL

DR. LINDSAY BERNHAGEN

In the summer of 2022, the Ice Age Trail Alliance undertook a significant strategic initiative: to make the Ice Age Trail more equitable and inclusive. From the start, it was clear to the Alliance that the process for determining what equity and inclusivity looked like should, itself, be designed with inclusivity in mind. Over the course of two days, stakeholders (some familiar to the Alliance, and others representative of perspectives we'd not yet regularly accessed) worked together to develop a comprehensive equity and inclusivity rubric for the trail and the Alliance. In this session, you'll learn more about the process the Alliance used and the resulting evaluation tool we developed, and then you'll have time to start designing your own process and brainstorming what a holistic approach to equity and inclusivity might include for your organization.

ESRI WORKSHOP: GIS FOR TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY

In this session, we will provide an overview of the geographic approach and how it can help trail organizations achieve accessibility standards. We will be going through a few case studies of organizations that have used geospatial workflows to enhance accessibility in outdoor spaces. Finally, we will have an interactive workshop portion to show attendees how to get started to bring these workflows to their trail organizations. More information coming soon.

DECADE GOALS FORUM

During this facilitated session, trail nonprofit and Federal agency leaders will come together to begin brainstorming ideas for a new set of decade goals & collective priorities for the national trails system. More information coming soon.

FLORIDA'S RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

LINDA REEVES, LAUREN CRUZ, STEPHANIE CLEMONS,
JONATHON A. BENNETT, JOSEPH SULLIVAN, KEVIN BURGESS,
& MARK SEES

During this session, attendees will learn how the state of Florida administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration, Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Presenters will also provide information on project and applicant eligibility, the upcoming FY2024-2025 RTP Application Cycle, completing the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews, and successfully completing an RTP project. We will highlight how to form partnerships and look at the Orlando Wetlands Boardwalk project, located within a manmade wetland that naturally helps filter wastewater, which was made possible from RTP funding.