



**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GREENWAYS & TRAILS SUMMIT**

September 26th – 28th, 2022
State Theater Center for the Arts – City of Easton

Monday, September 26th – Recreation Activities

***Pre-registration required**

8:30am – 2pm Tree Health and Pruning Workshop– located at Louise W. Moore County Park

- Hosted by PA Maintenance Institute, Stihl, Penn State Extension - exhibit and training on tree maintenance, pruning and identification. Additional costs apply for this event.

9:30am- 1pm Biking Tour – located at D&L Trail – City of Allentown, Bethlehem & Easton

- Hosted by D&L National Heritage Corridor - exhibit and training on developing a regional greenway/trail, connections to downtowns, tourism and economic development based around trails. Limit 20 participants.

12pm-3pm Land & Water Accessible Tour – located at Minsi Lake

- Hosted by Friends of Minsi Lake, Northampton County Parks & Recreation and Wildlands Conservancy - exhibit and training in accessible fishing, canoeing and kayaking access. Canoes are available with a maximum of 14 participants.

1pm – 3pm Walking Tour – located at Covered Bridge Park / Jordan Creek Greenway

- Hosted by South Whitehall Township - exhibit and training on developing a regional greenway/trail, park and playground enhancements, boardwalks, Frisbee golf course and environmental restoration

2pm – 4pm Mountain Biking Tour – located at Trexler Nature Preserve

- Join Valley Mountain Bikers for a guided ride on the VMB built trails at Trexler Nature Preserve. The trails have no rocks and ride very fast, with some rollers built into the trails. This trail is intended for intermediate and advanced riders. Meeting location is the North Range Utility Road off of Mill Creek Road in Schnecksville, 18078. 40.66462088925748, -75.63370263321899.

6pm Networking Event – Two Rivers Brewery

Tuesday, September 27th

7:30am Registration

8:30am Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00am Keynote Speaker – Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, PA DCNR

9:30am Panel Discussion – Outdoor Recreation, Tourism & Economic Development

– Moderator - Nathan Reigner, PHD., Director of Outdoor Recreation, PA DCNR

Tuesday, September 27th (cont.)

10:30am **BREAK**

10:45am **BREAKOUT SESSION 1**

Session 1a. Trail Towns & Outdoor Towns: Pathways to Economic Development

Kim Stever, Principal, Eastwick Solutions

Steven Nelson, Director of Planning, Eastwick Solutions

Session 1b. Grants and Municipal EIT: Tools for Successful Park and Conservation Projects

Mary Himmelberger, Grants Manager, Barry Isett & Associates

Sherry Acevedo, Conservation Coordinator, Northampton County Parks & Recreation

Session 1c. The Art of Keeping Everyone Happy: Case Studies In Stakeholder Coordination

Bill Torr, PE, Project Manager-Active Transportation, Michael Baker International

Maria Meraz, Project Implementation Engineer, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Steve DiSciuolo, P.E., Project Manager-Active Transportation, Michael Baker International

12:00pm **LUNCH - EASTON PUBLIC MARKET**

Located steps away from the State Theater, attendees will have the opportunity to have lunch at participating vendors within Easton Public Market. Spaces for networking and small discussions are available with built in time for walking in downtown Easton.

2:15pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2**

Session 2a. Playful Learning with Public Media on the Lenape Trail

Amber Emory, Education Outreach Specialist, PBS39

Nicholas Ziegler, Education Coordinator, PBS39

Session 2b. Promoting Transit to Trails and Parks

Robert P. Thomas AIA, Partner, Campbell Thomas & Co.

Nicole Somers, Environmental Professional, Inch & Meter, P.C.

Andrew L. Strauss AICP/PP, Principal, Strauss and Associates

Session 2c. Design and Construction Lessons Learned from the Newtown and Pennypack Rail Trails

Chris Stanford, PE, AICP, PTOE, PMP, Department Manager, Michael Baker International

Richard G. Brahler, Jr., Director of Transportation Planning, Bucks County Planning Commission

Donna Fabry, CFM, Senior Trails & Open Space Planner, Montgomery Cnty. Planning Comm.

3:15pm **BREAK**

Tuesday, September 27th (cont.)

3:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 3**

Session 3a. 5 Cycling Trends Delivering Value for Communities and Creating Positive Experiences in Outdoor Spaces

Louis Mazzante, Test Director / President / Director of Operations, Hearst/VMB/PICL
Mike Kuhn, Director, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Cycling
Tara Seplavy, Deputy Editor-Gear Reviews, Bicycling

Session 3b. Machine-built Singletrack; by a Pro and with Volunteers

Dave King, Owner, DirtSculpt LLC
Bill Kern, Executive Director, Countryside Conservancy

Session 3c. I-84 Twin Bridges Project in Lackawanna County, PA

Timothy Benner, PE, Vice President, McTish, Kunkel, & Associates
Jim Boyer, Senior Environmental Scientist, AECOM

4:30pm **BREAK**

5-7pm **SOCIAL EVENT – NURTURE NATURE CENTER**

Enjoy an evening event at the Nurture Nature Center, located across the street from the State Theater. The Nurture Nature Center provides a range of ongoing programs for the surrounding community, including science and art presentations and workshops, documentary film series, garden programming, community dialogue forums and youth activities and field trips. Nurture Nature Center is honored to receive the 2022 Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Watershed-Friendly Property Program (established through a grant from PA DEP Environmental Education Program).

Attendees will enjoy opportunities to explore the **Nurture Nature Center’s Science on a Sphere® (SOS) exhibit**, developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, features breath-taking visualizations of earth and space science and is a centerpiece of NNC’s visitor area, local artwork and enjoy drinks and light refreshments.

Wednesday, September 28th

7:30am **Registration**

8:00am **Welcome**

8:15am **Plenary Speaker – Gretchen Snethen, PhD – Park RX**

8:45am **Panel Discussion – The Impact of Green Spaces on Well-Being: An interdisciplinary discussion on how parks and trails help us thrive**

– Moderator – Connor M Moriarty, MA LPC., Director/Founder, Reset Outdoors

9:45am **BREAK**

Wednesday, September 28th (cont.)

10:00am **BREAKOUT SESSION 4**

Session 4a. Getting Better Outdoors: How to Measure the Impact of Time Spent Outdoors on Our Well-Being

Connor M Moriarty, MA LPC., Director/Founder, Reset Outdoors

Session 4b. Providing Accessibility for all Abilities: Understanding the Difference between an Accessible and an Adaptive Kayak Launch

Scott Tihansky, Sales Engineering and Product Development, Boardsafe

Session 4c. Cost of Multi-Use Trail Maintenance

Tom Sexton, Northeast Regional Director, Rails to Trails Conservancy

10:45am **BREAK**

11:00am **BREAKOUT SESSION 5**

Session 5a. Get Your Tail on the Trail

Rachael Stark, Program Coordinator, NEPA Tail on the Trail (PEC)

Claire Sadler, Executive Director, D&L National Heritage Corridor, Inc.

Ken Szydlow, Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, St. Luke's University Health Network

Session 5b. Advancing Access for All: DCNR's E-bike Policy

Nicole Faraguna, Policy Director, PA DCNR

Session 5c. Maintenance & Volunteers - How Success Begets Success

Ron Steffey, Owner, Steffey Trail Connections

11:45am **Pick up boxed lunches and load buses for Mobile Workshops**

12:00pm **Mobile Workshops**

Mobile Workshop 1 – D&L Trail Corridor – explore the newly constructed and opened sections of the D&L Trail within Northampton and Lehigh Counties. Participants will walk approximately 1 mile in Northampton and North Catasauqua boroughs along the Lehigh River, pass active construction in Catasauqua and Hanover Township and see how these historic Boroughs are revitalizing their downtowns around the D&L Trail and September 11th National Memorial Trail corridors.

Mobile Workshop 2 – Two Rivers Area Trail Corridor – explore how multi-municipal planning, environmental restorations and development is playing a direct link into the 18-mile Two Rivers Area Trail, Northern Tier Trail, and September 11th National Memorial Trail corridors. Participants will stop at a few locations in Bushkill and Plainfield Townships and the Borough of Stockertown. Participants will walk approximately 2 miles in the Ballas Meadow Preserve and the Bushkill Township Recreation Trail.

4:45pm **Buses Return to State Theater - Easton**

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