

Upcoming Virtual Events | July 2024

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Hi Linda,

Rails to Trails Conservancy has an exciting lineup of events this July. Get ready to expand your knowledge, discover new perspectives and stay up to date with the latest advancements and funding for trails, walking and biking. Virtual events are free and open to all.

Here's what you can expect from us in the month ahead!

July Events Lineup

Wednesday, July 31 | 1 p.m. Eastern

Resources for Improving Accessibility on Multiuse Trails

Join the TrailNation™ Collaborative, powered by Rails to Trails Conservancy, as we explore resources for promoting, assessing, and improving accessibility on multiuse trails. In celebration of Disability Pride Month, this session will underscore the critical role trails play in connecting people with disabilities to the outdoors and essential destinations and emphasize the importance of creating trails that accommodate all users in planning, design and engagement.

Catch Team RTC in Action

Saturday—Saturday, July 20–27

RAGBRAI

Team RTC will be at this year's RAGBRAI! Catch us at our booth at the RAGBRAI Expo on Saturday, July 20, and on the ride.

On-Demand Content

Much of RTC's virtual programming is recorded, creating a valuable resource for ongoing learning. Bookmark the [webinars](#) page on the RTC website to stay up to date and access

more recordings of previous events.

Here are some recent events you don't want to miss.

[The 5th Anniversary of the Launch of the Great American Rail-Trail](#)

On May 8, we held a very special event to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Great American Rail-Trail®, our flagship project to create a multiuse trail across the country. We celebrated a team of veterans who embarked on the 3,700-mile trek as part of the Warrior Bike Ride, organized by our partner, Warrior Expeditions, a nonprofit outdoor therapy program that helps veterans transition from their wartime experiences through long-distance outdoor experiences.

Advocacy and Funding Opportunities

[Safety First: How to Effectively Demonstrate Safe Outcomes in Your Grant Applications](#)



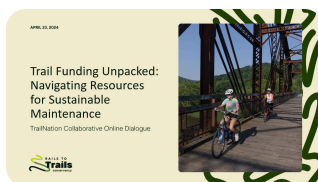
In this session, we discussed tools and tips for demonstrating safety in your grant applications. You'll learn how to talk about projects and safety improvements in solid, quantifiable ways to produce stronger and more competitive grant applications.

[Overcoming Barriers: Innovative Practices to Securing Federal Funding](#)



In this discussion, the [TrailNation Collaborative](#), powered by Rails to Trails Conservancy, explored barriers to accessing federal funding for trail and active transportation networks. Hear how others in the trails movement have found solutions to common challenges and are making the most of current federal funding opportunities. Participants also engaged directly with their peers through breakout sessions to talk about barriers to, and strategies for, federal funding for trails.

[Trail Funding Unpacked: Navigating Resources for Sustainable Maintenance](#)



During this discussion, we explored available federal funding opportunities and new eligibilities for trail maintenance under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Participants also engaged directly with their peers through breakout sessions on barriers and strategies to make the most of these opportunities.

[Connectivity Funding: Learn How to Strategically Apply for Active Transportation Funding](#)



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TrailNation Collaborative

TrailNation Playbook in Action Series

Our TrailNation™ Playbook in Action series dove into the TrailNation Playbook, a free resource to leverage the lessons learned from building trail networks as well as shared guidance from leaders across the trails and active transportation movement who are successfully implementing the playbook strategies in their communities. The series is complete, and recordings of the webinars are now available.



TrailNation Playbook in Action: Building Investment Strategies That Unlock Funding



TrailNation Playbook in Action: Mapping and Gap-Filling Strategies to Accelerate Network Development



TrailNation Playbook in Action: Creating Engagement Moments That Accelerate Your Trail Network



TrailNation Playbook in Action: Building a Project Vision and Coalition to Unlock Funding

Building and Maintaining Trails

Trails and Climate Change: Disaster Recovery



Climate change has had a significant impact on our environment—affecting various aspects of human life, including outdoor recreational activities. The impacts of climate change are affecting the quality and accessibility of multiuse trails, and it is essential to take action to make these trails and greenways more resilient. In this webinar, we explore how trails around the country are engaging in recovery efforts and preparing for future extreme events as well.

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