



# Greenway Trail Networks – Combining Nature, Culture and Recreation

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

## Objectives:

Greenway Trail Networks have become increasingly popular across North America. This webinar will discuss how to overcome barriers that make it difficult to get community support for multi-use trail projects, including Greenway Trail Networks. The speakers will reflect on strategies that have worked and not worked, and how lessons learned can be shared and replicated across regions. This will provide insight into how leveraging the proven benefits of multi-use trail networks can contribute to successful political and community engagement processes for approval.

## Target Audience:

This webinar will be especially useful for planners, landscape architects, trail managers and advocates who are tasked with getting public approval for trail projects or interested in the benefits of multi-use trails.

## Learning Objectives:

- The importance of identifying social barriers early in the trail approval process.
- The importance of developing a vision that best represents the values of the community.
- How to see challenges and concerns as opportunities for advancement.
- Generate ideas surrounding how to acquire funding.
- Share strategies to address social barriers on actual trail projects.

## Presenters:

- Chuck Flink, Owner, Greenways Inc.
- Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, Grand Forks
- Kären Haley, Executive Director, Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc.
- Sheila Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Parks Foundation Calgary

## Agenda:

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| 2:00 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. | Opening Remarks – Wayne Terryberry, Ontario Trails Council |
| 2:05 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. | Chuck Flink, Greenways Inc.                                |
| 2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. | Kim Greendahl, Grand Forks                                 |
| 2:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Kären Haley, Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc.              |
| 3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. | Sheila Taylor, Parks Foundation Calgary                    |
| 3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Q&A  |

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## **Presenters**

### **Charles A. “Chuck” Flink, FASLA - Landscape Architect, Owner, Greenways Inc.**

Chuck is an award-winning author, planner and landscape architect who has completed work in 250 communities, in 37 states, and in 7 foreign countries. He is the recipient of four dozen national, regional and local awards. Some of his most notable projects include the Susquehanna River Greenway, Pennsylvania; the Miami River Greenway, Florida; and the Grand Canyon Greenway, Arizona. Chuck is a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects, Distinguished Alumnus of the NC State University College of Design and recipient of the NC State Watauga Medal -- the highest non-academic award. Chuck coauthored Greenways “A Guide to Planning, Design and Development, and Trails for the Twenty First Century”. His most recent book is entitled “The Greenway Imperative: Connecting Communities and Landscapes for A Sustainable Future”.

### **Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, Grand Forks**

Kim is a native of Grand Forks, ND, and has been the Greenway Specialist for the City of Grand Forks since 2002. Her focus is on the development and daily operations of a 2,200-acre recreation area called The Greenway. One focus of Kim’s work has been restoring the natural vegetation throughout the Greenway and expanding access to the river located in the Greenway. She has worked with a variety of volunteers, government agencies, and other partners to provide year-round recreation while maintaining the flood protection function of the Greenway. The highlight of Kim’s career has been working with others to bring new and exciting amenities to the community.

### **Kären Haley, Executive Director, Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc.**

Kären is the founding Executive Director of Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc., the non-profit behind the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, an 8-mile bike and pedestrian path in downtown Indianapolis that boasts an initial economic impact of \$1 billion. Under her leadership the organization launched the Pacers Bikeshare program along the Cultural Trail in 2014 and recently announced the first expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail which will add approximately 2 miles to the world-renowned linear park.

She is on the board of directors of the North American Bikes Share Association and was named by the Indianapolis Business Journal to the 2015 ‘40 Under 40’ list. She is a Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation Fellow and a member of the Stanley K. Lacey Leadership class XXXV. Prior to leading the Cultural Trail, Kären was the City of Indianapolis’ first Director of the Office of Sustainability. She began her career working for URS Corporation in the transportation demand management group.

Originally from Atlanta, Kären has lived in Indianapolis since 2008. She holds degrees from Georgia Tech and Indiana University and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Tim and their three young children.

### **Sheila Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Parks Foundation Calgary**

Sheila is the Chief Executive Officer at Parks Foundation Calgary, an organization dedicated to creating thriving communities and public spaces. Previously, she held leadership roles in the energy, education, and non-profit sectors. With a life-long passion for learning and active living, she served as Community Association President and as Trustee and Chair of the Calgary Board of Education. Sheila currently sits on the boards of Sport Calgary, the Sport for Calgary Foundation, and the Alberta University of the Arts. In her free time, you will find Sheila outdoors, enjoying Calgary’s beautiful parks and pathways with her family and dog.