



6th Annual CT Trails Symposium

“Trail Toolbox: Sharing Tips, Tools and Triumphs on Connecticut’s Trails and Beyond”

Friday, October 4, 2024, 9am-3pm

A Call for Presentations and Posters

The [CT Greenways Council](#) (CGC) will be holding the 6th Annual [Trails Symposium](#) on October 4, 2024 at Manchester Community College, Manchester CT. This year, the Symposium hopes to offer sessions that provide tools, tips and examples attendees can add to their trail “toolbox” to help plan for, design, build and maintain various types of trails throughout the State. Attendees range from state, regional and local government employees, engineers, planners, trail managers, trail advocates, volunteers, and more.

In particular, the CGC is looking for presentations on:

- Strategies and tools for trail organizational planning including funding approaches, alliance development and roles
- Mentorship of professionals and volunteers
- Models for planning and design, regional connections
- Novel construction approaches,
- Case studies and success stories
- Methods to collect attendance and use levels, and engagement on new and existing trails
- Mapping and technology that can support breaking down barrier of entry, enhance accessibility
- Diversity, equity and inclusion - breaking down barriers to trail access and use

Other topics related to the overall theme may be considered. Presentations should be 30 minutes and the schedule will allow an additional 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Please provide the following information to DEEP.CTTrails@ct.gov by **August 6, 2024**. The CGC will contact you by September 1, 2024.

- 1. TITLE OF PRESENTATION or POSTER:**
- 2. PRESENTER NAMES, TITLES, EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:**
- 3. A BRIEF SUMMARY** of the presentation (up to 200 words. Include why this topic is relevant or timely for trail practitioners in Connecticut and how it relates to the symposium theme).
- 4. PRESENTATION TRACK** Select one or more of the following keywords that fit your presentation:

- Organizational Tools Planning & Design Tools Construction Tools Digital Tools
 Success Stories Partnerships Public Outreach Access to funding

- 5. LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THE SESSION (UP TO 200 WORDS).**
- 6. BRIEF PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY** or link to a bio. If proposing a panel presentation, please provide a brief biography or link for other presenters (up to 100 words each).

NOTE: Presenters will be required to purchase an event ticket. Sponsorships are available.



CT Trail Symposium Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships for the CT Greenways Council support Professional Development and Trail Advocacy Events sponsored by the CT Greenways Council, including the Trail Symposium, in an effort to make events affordable and accessible for all. The Trail Symposium routinely attracts over 100 trail professionals, trail builders, engineers and trail advocates from CT and throughout Southern New England.

Gold	\$	1,000
Listed on all marketing material & banner of the 2024 Trail Symposium Mention/tagged on CT State Park Social Media (25,000+ followers) Mention/tagged on CT Trail Finder Social Media (4,400+ followers) Tabling @ Trail Symposium 6 Tickets to Trail Symposium		
Silver	\$	500
Listed on all marketing material & banner of the 2024 Trail Symposium Mention/tagged on CT Trail Finder Social Media (4,400+ followers) Tabling @ Trail Symposium 4 Tickets to Trail Symposium		
Bronze	\$	250
Listed on all Marketing material & banner Tabling @ Trail Symposium 2 Tickets to Trail Symposium		
Friends of CT Greenways **	\$	75
Tabling @ Trail Symposium Listed in program <i>** attendees must purchase event tickets</i>		

To be a sponsor please contact Rista Malanca, Vice-Chair of the CT Greenways Council, for details.

Rmalanca@northwesthillscog.org or 860-491-9884 x 102