

The CT Trails Symposium Presents:  
**“Connecticut’s Trail Community”**

**Friday, October 3, 2025, 9am-3pm**

In Partnership with partner/co-sponsor with the Greenways Council, CT DEEP, CT DOT, UConn,  
hosted by Manchester Community College in Manchester, CT

**A Call for Presentations and Posters**

The [CT Greenways Council](#) (CGC) will be holding its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual [Trails Symposium](#) this October 3, 2025. This year, the Symposium will offer sessions that focus on Connecticut’s community of trail users, the organizations that represent them, and how the expectations and needs of the user groups shape our state-wide trail systems. In particular, the CGC is looking for presentations on:

- Models for planning and design, regional connections;
- Trail alliance development and roles;
- Mentorship of professionals and volunteers;
- Data collection of 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;
- Resilient approaches to trail design and maintenance/stewardship efforts.

Presentations should be 30 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

Please provide the following information by **September 1, 2025** to be considered. The CGC will contact you with a decision by September 12, 2025. You may be offered a poster vs. presentation.

Please use this [Presentation Submission Form](#) to submit to following proposal information:

**TITLE OF PRESENTATION or POSTER:**

**PRESENTER NAMES, TITLES, EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:**

**A BRIEF SUMMARY** of the topics you will cover in your session (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).

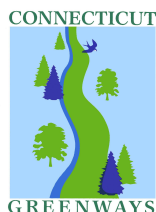
**PRESENTATION TRACK** Select one or more of the following Tracks your presentation fits into:

☐ Organizational Communities ☐ Planning Strategies ☐ Construction Tools ☐ Digital Communities

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THE SESSION (UP TO 200 WORDS).**

**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).

If you have questions or issues submitting this information please reach out to  
[DEEP.CTTrails@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.CTTrails@ct.gov).



## 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.

<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
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	
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$250</b>
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<b>Friends of CT Greenways **</b>	<b>\$75</b>
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.  
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