



8th Annual Connecticut Trail Symposium **Benefits of Greenways**

Friday, October 2, 2026, 9am-3pm

Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT

In partnership with the Greenways Council, CT DEEP, CT DOT,
and UConn.



Call for Presentations and Posters

The CT Greenways Council (CGC) will hold the 8th Annual Trail Symposium on October 2, 2026. The Symposium will offer sessions that focus on the Benefits of Connecticut's Greenways including **recreational, economic** and **community building**. In particular, the CGC is looking for presentations on:

- Ways Greenways have fostered public use and resulted in recreational value and health benefits
- Examples of economic value developed, leveraged and derived as a result of Greenways
- Models of leveraging Greenways benefits to build community strength
- Examples of professionals and volunteers contributing to building Greenways to provide benefits
- Tourism-related impact and programs that leverage Greenways, vistas, and opportunities.
- Alternate/Active transportation value and use.

Presentations should be 30 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

Please provide the following information by **September 1, 2026** to be considered. The CGC will contact you with a decision by September 12, 2025. You may be offered a poster or a 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 what 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:

- ☐ **Recreational value.** Ways, results and programs demonstrating how Greenways are critical in supporting and improving public health
- ☐ **Economic value and return.** Studies, examples and best practices in building and leveraging Economic connections, and value through Greenways.
- ☐ **Community Building.** How to leverage Greenways for building 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, please contact DEEP.CTTrails@ct.gov.