

CT Trails Symposium – October 20, 2016

Presented by the CT Greenways Council

In partnership with Middlesex Community College Environmental Science Program

At Middlesex Community College in Middletown

Learn how and why you can be a trail advocate for your community. Speakers and panel discussions will use local examples and testimonials to illustrate the benefits recreational trails are providing in CT communities and address concerns or road blocks that may prevent a community from building trails.

8:30 – 9:00 – Registration / Networking & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 – Welcome / Overview of day (Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council Chair and Tri-State Coordinator for the East Coast Greenway)

9:10 -10:30 – Benefits of Recreational Trails (Brian Kent, Principal, Kent & Frost)

- Creating places people want to live
- Safe Routes to School and Work and Commerce Areas
- Health
- Recreation
- Economic Benefits
- Testimonials

10:30 – 10:45 – Networking Break & Continental Breakfast

10:45 – 12:00 – Road Blocks Reimagined

- We will be sued! - Liability (Beth Critton, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP)
- There is no \$! - CT DOT Support and Funding (Colleen A. Kissane, CT DOT) / Complete Streets (Mark Moriarty, New Britain)
- Our residents don't want/use trails! Local Data Collection – CT Trail Census: a collaboration for acquiring statewide trail user information by CT Greenways Council, DEEP and UConn and NVCOG (Aaron Budris) (Laura Brown, UConn)

12:00 – 12:45 – Making it Happen (achieving goals with minimal resources)

Clare Cain – CT Forest & Park Association; partnerships, volunteers, marketing

Stacey Stearns – CT Horse Council; resources offered to trail system owners/managers

12:45 – 1:30 – Panel Discussion with all speakers - moderator (Bruce Donald)

- 30 Minutes – Pre-determined questions
- 30 Minutes – Questions from audience

1:30 Adjourn