

-Build a Public Trail or Greenway-

“Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when we do it, it’s not all mixed up.”

-- A. A. Milne, Humorist

There are many benefits of trails and greenways: they make our communities more livable; improve the economy through tourism and civic improvement; preserve and restore open space; and provide opportunities for physical activity to improve fitness and mental health.

Greenways offer a way to preserve vital habitat corridors and to promote plant and animal species diversity. A greenway can also serve as critical filtering zone: its wetlands can absorb contaminants in surface run off, and trees, shrubs, and cover vegetation along the corridor cleanse and replenish the air. It can also serve a community that doesn’t have a park.

Communities can enhance walk ability by linking identifying important local assets (for example natural features, historic districts or unique architectural design) and by developing economic development strategies the use those assets to attract pedestrians to retail and restaurants to the center of town. We need to prepare for the consequences of growth.

What you can do:

- Encourage your community to adopt a green infrastructure plan in your town. A green infrastructure plan provides a framework for future growth by prioritizing what open space should be protected and what open space should be available for development. Trails should be connected between communities and to BLM trail system.
- Sketch a conceptual plan of a Greenway that includes a regional trail and Greenway system that links, public parks, open spaces, green spaces with high ecological function-and riparian corridors for wildlife corridors and people. Try to protect and maintain natural vegetation within 200 feet of streams. Leave the washes and floodplains as open space for trails. Encourage open space along public right-of-ways, sewer, utility, fiber-optic lines, transmission line corridors, natural corridors, old canals, ridge tops, for public general recreation and trails.
- Ask your town to include support for trails in its general plan as well as enact an ordinance that requires developers to include public trails in their projects.
- Request that Bureau of Land Management (BLM) St. George Field Office's complete their OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Plan amendment for recreational trails on BLM land. The Plan would provide a clearly marked network of trails. It would reduce the growing conflicts between increased motorized recreation and non-motorized recreation as well as protect important resources. It would promote stewardship and monitoring. It would also support law enforcement in promoting compliance with Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) regulations and to be an effective deterrent to OHV abuses of public lands.
- Improve the development review process and development design standards so that developers are encouraged to apply principles above.
- Contact information for [Dixie Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee](#)

(UDOT) Transportation Enhancements Program provides funding for Trails

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) invites public agencies to apply for federal funds available through the Transportation Enhancements program of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century (TEA-21), which amended the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

Enhancement funds may pay for up to eighty percent of the total project cost. Projects with construction costs between \$50,000 and \$500,000, or non-construction projects with a cost of least \$25,000, may qualify. Completed projects must be for public use on a not-for-profit basis.

For questions about the program or to request an application package, please contact George Deneris at (801)957-8520. The Enhancement Application and Guidelines are available to download on UDOT's web site www.udot.utah.gov.

[International Bike Fund](http://www.ibike.org/education/trail-ordinance.htm) model Non-Motorized Trail Ordinance Multi-use, Non-Motorized, Bicycle Trails
<http://www.ibike.org/education/trail-ordinance.htm>

More information on [American Trails](http://www.americantrails.org/resources/benefits/index.html) can be found at this web site:
<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/benefits/index.html>

For more information on the [Conservation Fund](http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2106) -Green way Program grant please visit their web page
<http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2106>

The Conservation Fund also provides funding for trails and federal land acquisition.
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