



14TH ANNUAL TRAIL FORUM AGENDA

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- 8:30 to 9:00 **Check-in**
- 9:00-9:30 **Welcome** - Bart Landess, Executive Director, Catawba Lands Conservancy and Carolina Thread Trail – Lowrance Room
- ***Carolina Thread Trail Year in Review and Looking Ahead*** - Bret Baronak, Project Director, Carolina Thread Trail
- 9:40-10:40 **Concurrent Session #1**
- ***Using Data to Evaluate Trail Alignment Alternatives – Peddler Room***
Beth Poovey, PLA, Principal, Director of Greenways, Parks and Open Space, LandDesign
Dr. Jung Woo, DDES, GIS Specialist, LandDesign
 - ***Tapestries to Trails - Implementing a Transformational Vision in Gaston County - Lowrance Room***
Ashton Lamb, Community Coordinator, Carolina Thread Trail
John Searby, Executive Director, Catawba Riverkeeper
Will Cauthen, Mayor, Town of Cramerton, NC
Michael Applegate, Director, Gaston County Travel and Tourism
 - ***North Carolina Great Trails State Coalition: Trail Groups Working Together to Successfully Influence Policy – Cedars Room***
Palmer McIntyre, Conservation Planner and Trail Coordinator, Piedmont Land Conservancy and Piedmont Legacy Trails
 - ***Connecting with Nature to Enhance Personal and Community Well-Being – Merchant Room***
Cheryl Baker, Volunteer Leader for OutDoor Afro, Outdoor Enthusiast and Community Volunteer, City of Charlotte Resident
- 10:40 to 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:00 **Concurrent Session #2**
- ***Triangle Bikeway – Public Input Innovation, Bringing More Voices to Regional Trail Planning – Peddler Room***
Iona Thomas, AICP, Vice-President, Strategy and Public Client Development, McAdams
 - ***Public Private Partnership for Trail System Development – Cedars Room***
Lori Milam, Designer, LandDesign
Matt Weschler, P.E., Senior Designer, LandDesign
Clifton Coble, Senior VP, Northwood Development, Team Leader Ballantyne Reimagined
 - ***Trail-Oriented Development - Lessons Learned from the Perspectives of Regional Developers, Designers and Local Government Planners – Merchant Room***
Moderator - Sean Paone, PLA, Senior Project Manager, ColeJenest & Stone
Lorna Allen, PLA, ASLA, Senior Urban Designer, City of Charlotte Planning Department
Beth Poovey, PLA, Principal, LandDesign
Wyatt Dixon, Founding Partner, Profitt Dixon Partners
- 12:00-2:00 **Lunch and Keynote Address – Lowrance Room**
“The Future of Parks, Trails and Open Space – What’s Next?” – Mitchell Silver, FAICP, Principal, V-P of Urban Planning, McAdams
- 2:15 – 3:15 **Concurrent Session # 3**
- ***Thermal Belt Rail Trail: History, Successes and Lessons Learned – Peddler Room***
Jerry Stensland, RPO Transportation Planner and Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Foothills Regional Commission
Doug Barrick, Manager, Town of Rutherfordton, NC
Karyl Fuller, CZO, GISP, Community and Economic Development Director, Foothills Regional Commission
 - ***Guide to Trail Planning, Design and Construction – Cedars Room***
Jeff Ashbaugh, PLA, Landscape Architecture Group Manager, Benesch
Jon Wood, PLA, Senior Project Manager, Alfred Benesch & Co.
Emily Reinicker, PE, CFM Director of Operations and Design, Wildlands Engineering
Brian Bennett, PLA, Project Manager Mecklenburg County Asset & Facility Management
 - ***East Coast Greenway becomes a State Trail (Virtual)– Merchant Room***
Sarah Sanford, VA and NC Manager, East Coast Greenway Alliance
- 3:15-3:30 **Closing**