



CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL®

17TH ANNUAL TRAIL FORUM

Presented by LandDesign

December 5, 2024

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 Check-in

8:30 – 9:00 Optional Networking in Lowrance Room

9:00 – 9:45 Welcome – Lowrance Room

- *Leslie Johnson, Chair of the Board, Carolina Thread Trail/Catawba Lands Conservancy*
- *Presenting Sponsor Remarks – Beth Poovey, PLA, ASLA, Principal, LandDesign*
- *Updates from Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC), Palmer McIntyre, Coordinator, GTSC*
- *Advancing Carolina Thread Trail in 2024 – Bret Baronak, Director, Carolina Thread Trail*

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:00 Concurrent Session #1

- Innovative Methods for Utilizing Data: Predicting Active Mobility Volumes Combining Network Analysis including AI-optimization and Creating a Comprehensive and Defensible Economic Impact Analysis – Merchant Room **[PENC approved]**
Matt Weschler, PE, LEED AP, Studio Leader, LandDesign
Steve Bert, AICP, Program Manager, ITRE@NC State
- Send It! Building Mecklenburg County's First MTB Trails and Bicycle Parks Plan – Cedar Room
Scott Curry, AICP, CNU-A, Associate Planner, Kittleson
Will Washam, Senior Planner, McAdams
Katie Daughtry, AICP, Greenway Planner, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
Craig Brickser, MSP, Community Trail Design, LLC
- Planning for the Future of Trail Ecosystems – Peddler Room
Lisa Roberts, PLA, ASLA, Project Manager, Mecklenburg County AFM
Andrew Kohr, PLA, ASLA, Principal, Pond & Co.
Sherry Okun-Rudnak, MA, LEED-AP, Principal, BAE

11:00 – 11:15 Break

****All sessions and the keynote approved for AICP, NRPA (Rec and Park) and NCBOLA CEU/PDH credits. Professional Engineering CEU's (PENC) approved sessions listed on agenda****

11:15 – 12:15 Concurrent Session #2

- Navigating the Permitting Process – Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR): The Middle Fork Greenway at Tweetsie Railroad – Merchant Room [PENC approved]
Robert Billings, PE, PH, CFM, New River Engineering, PLLC
- Creative Approaches to Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions: Town of Matthews, Crestdale Heritage Multi-Use Path, Advisory Shoulder/On-Street Mural – Cedar Room [PENC approved]
Dana Stoogenke, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, Town of Matthews, NC
Susan Habina Woolard, PE, Town Engineer, Town of Matthews, NC
- Building Trails while Building the Next Generation – Conservation Corps 101 – Peddler Room
Jessie Birkhead, Executive Director, Conservation Corps of North Carolina
Diqvan Edmonds, Program Director, Conservation Corps of North Carolina

12:15 – 2:00 Lunch and Keynote – Lowrance Room

- Awards – Volunteer of the Year and Trail Champion of the Year
- **Keynote: Crossing Bridges, A Trek of Transition – What Biking Up the East Coast Taught Me About Life After 60**
Lisa Watts, Author, Trail Advocate

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 3:15 Concurrent Session #3

- Panel: Creeks, Trails and Community Stewart Creek Greenway and Stream Rehabilitation – Merchant Room [PENC approved]
Katie Daughtry, AICP, Greenway Planner, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
Brian Bennet, PLA, ASLA, Ground Control
Matthew Anderson, PE, D.WRE, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Charlotte- Mecklenburg Stormwater Services
Tori Golaszewski, PE, Greenways Manager, Kimley- Horn
Jamaal Kinard, Executive Director, Lakeview Neighborhood Alliance
Jake Maschoff, PE, Kimley-Horn
David Woodie, PE, Project Manager, Charlotte- Mecklenburg Stormwater Services
- Keep Gastonia Beautiful: Community Engagement through Citizen-based Science – Cedar Room
Julianne Lehman, Administrator, Keep Gastonia Beautiful
Julie Heath, Special Projects Coordinator, Keep Gastonia Beautiful
Andrew Bradley, Stormwater Utilities Watershed Manager, City of Gastonia
- Trails to Equity: The East Greensboro Greenway Feasibility Study – Peddler Room
Elizabeth Jernigan, AICP, CPRP, Greensboro Parks and Recreation
Will Washam, Senior Planner, McAdams
Christopher Normile, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, McAdams

3:15 – 3:30 Closing and Raffle

Thank you for attending the 17th Annual Trail Forum! We hope to see you again next year!