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## **A Word from our Sponsors**

**I admit it! I am not as smart as I think I am... BUT THANK GOODNESS!**

I've lived in Broward County, Florida, for 15 years and during this time I've been marketing Campgrounds and RV Resorts nationwide. My job essentially is to find great places to enjoy the outdoors and communicate this to our community so they can find our partner campgrounds.

We take pride in our ability to connect the two; in fact, our MobileRVing Community has a website, mobile app, newsletter, podcast, and Facebook, Google Plus, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram audience. Tens of thousands of these people visit our partner campgrounds each year, all of which are well cared for.

So, you can imagine my excitement when I realized that I know nothing. Let me explain. Recently, I went to the NASPD in Nebraska. Southeast Publications has participated in this for over 20 years to learn about what State Recreation leaders are doing and how we can complement their efforts. Dan West of Broward County (my home county) delivered a presentation there about county parks and challenges we all face in the industry.

So I began to wonder, “Brian, do you really know all of the campgrounds and RV Resorts out there?” So I looked, and I quickly realized, I missed some excellent parks in my own backyard! I learned, and visited, Easterlin Park in Broward County. It was beautiful in the sense that it was heavily shaded and teeming with natural views of wildlife and other native Florida foliage. How did I not know this was here?

Then something just clicked. If I know more about the industry than the average camper and even I missed this, how is the average camper going to know how to find these exquisite places? Sure Broward County does tremendous job advertising, my whole family has annual passes to Butterfly World and has anyone heard of Gator Boys? This further proves my point, no matter the size or perceived recognition of your system; it can NEVER have too much buzz. How much revenue is your county park system missing because locals or even out-of-towners pass by as potential customers and don't even know you're there?

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## **Best Practices Forum**

### **Equestrian Facility Operations**

We recently acquired a 400-acre horse farm that includes over a dozen barns - most are in poor condition. We are told there is a market for boarding stables and an indoor arena but it would require a big investment on our part. We have only been able to find one other forest preserve in our area that has an equestrian facility and they have experienced some problems.

We want to know if other agencies have had success with any type of equestrian facilities. What types of facilities? Do they operate them themselves or use a third party concessionaire? Are the facilities financially self-supporting or do they require subsidies? Do they know any experts that could help with market analysis or conditions assessment?

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Got an issue you would like help with? Send your question to [Brenda@nacpro.org](mailto:Brenda@nacpro.org) with any background that will help our readers understand. We will publish it in the next NACPRO News.

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## County News

### Stream of RAD funds keeps Allegheny County parks from going under

*Courtesy of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette*

By Anya Sostek

The Allegheny County Regional Asset District is funded through half of 1 percent of the county sales tax. Roughly \$90 million each year goes to support regional assets such as sports facilities, libraries and cultural amenities.

The largest share of the asset district budget goes to libraries, at 32 percent, followed by parks, at 30 percent and sports facilities, at 16 percent. Smaller amounts of funding go to arts and culture, regional facilities and transit.

At the county parks level, the lion's share of asset district funding goes to operating expenses. "Without RAD funding, our county parks would not be anything like they are," said Andrew Baechle, director of the county parks department. "The majority of the money they've given us is

for operation. We can find money [elsewhere] to build things or for capital projects easier than we can find operating money."

**Read more:** <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/09/23/Regional-Asset-District-funds-Allegheny-County-parks/stories/201409230067>

## **New Eaton County parks director on board**

*Courtesy of the Lansing State Journal*

By Alan Miller

EATON CO, Michigan – Outdoor recreation has been in Clay Summers' blood since early in his life. After a month on the job, the new director of the Eaton County Parks has decided he is in a good place.

"I am excited, and one of the reasons I came to Eaton County is to reshape the focus of the county park system as a valued asset county wide," he said.

Summers said his idea of the county park system is more than just those parks operated by the county, but includes those operated by cities and townships as well. "People shouldn't hit a speed bump when they cross from one jurisdiction to the next. They don't always understand what a county park is, what a city park is, what a township park is," he said. "All they know is that there's a park.

"They want it taken care of. They want it well maintained. They want to know what they can and cannot do. Our job is to work together so that people know they have a quality park system in the county."

He experience working across jurisdictional lines in DeWitt has given him a feel for the possibilities for greater cooperation. "Some of my experience is in working across jurisdictional lines to find out where Eaton County's parks can supplement other existing park systems," he said.

**Read more:** <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/community/grand-ledge/2014/10/05/new-eaton-county-parks-director-board/16780635/>

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## **New Research and Resources**

### **American Rivers Launches New Blue Trails Guide**

*Courtesy of American Rivers*

By Jamie Mierau

Rivers are the lifeblood of our communities, providing clean drinking water and supporting local businesses and recreation opportunities.

That's why we're launching a new site, Blue Trails Guide, which is designed to help communities connect with their hometown river.

Whether you're looking to improve recreational opportunities in your hometown, protect your river for future generations, or embark on a river adventure, the Blue Trails Guide has the tools and resources for you.

**Read more:** <http://www.americanrivers.org/blog/american-rivers-launches-blue-trails-guide/>

### **Report: Majority of Western U.S. Voters Oppose State Control of Public Lands**

*Courtesy of the Public News Service*

CARSON CITY, Nevada - The majority of Nevadans and people throughout much of the West oppose states taking control of federally-managed public lands. That's the finding of the survey titled Western Voter Attitudes Toward Management of Public Lands from the Center for American Progress.

David von Seggern, chairperson of Nevada's Sierra Club Toiyabe Chapter, says he isn't surprised that 59 percent of those surveyed oppose states taking over public lands.

"They do want to keep them public," von Seggern says. "They value them as lands mostly for recreation and conservation, rather than being disposed and used for resource extraction and grazing."

**Read more:** <http://tinyurl.com/mwe7boc>

## **FHWA updates its guide to funding opportunities**

*Courtesy of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center*

The Federal Highway Administration updated its list of federal funding available for pedestrian and bicycle projects. "Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Opportunities: Federal Transit and Federal Highway Funds" denotes which federal funding programs can be used to support a variety of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The update includes funding changes under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act.

**For more information:**

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/funding/funding\\_opportunities.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.cfm)

## **Bike Parks - IMBA's Guide to New School Trails**

*Courtesy of the International Mountain Bicycling Association*

A new, exciting era of bike park development is underway. Today, bike parks are getting built in attractive, easily accessed locations, and municipalities are funding them at the same level as other types of recreational facilities. Modern bike parks are designed to appeal to every skill level, with enough variety to keep riders coming back for years. Well-considered plans for maintenance and regular improvements ensure that these parks will be attractive and fun to ride for the long term.

IMBA has encountered a growing demand for information about how to plan, build and maintain successful bike parks, along with flow trails and other purpose-built bicycling facilities. This book examines all phases of planning, designing, building, and operating these facilities, with real-world success stories and multiple essays provided by leaders in the field.

This resource offers 178 information-packed pages. It includes essays from more than two dozen expert contributors, and is packed with 116 full-color photos, plus real-world bike park schematics, graphs, charts, and much more. It's a great resource for anyone planning a bike park project, and a coffee table-worthy addition for park- and gravity-oriented riding enthusiasts.

**For more information:** <https://www.imba.com/catalog/book-bike-parks-imbas-guide-new-school-trails>

## What a Park's Design Does to Your Brain

*Courtesy of NextCity.org*

By Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow

As a student in Poland, Agnieszka Anna Olszewska was fascinated by the way that some landscapes seemed to be more contemplative than others. She wanted to research the reasons behind that calming effect, but she found little encouragement. “People told me I can write a novel, I can write a poem about the contemplativeness of landscape, but not a scientific paper.” One well-respected landscape architect told her it couldn’t be done because of the diversity of human responses: Some of us might find a garden conducive to contemplation; others might prefer the bathroom.

But Olszewska, now a doctoral candidate in landscape architecture and urban ecology at the University of Porto in Portugal, persevered. With a neuroscience professor at the university, she conducted a pilot project that culminated, earlier this year, in a conference paper titled “Urban Planning, Neurosciences and Contemplation for Improving Well-being in Our Cities.” It combined questionnaire results with measurement of brain waves in an effort “to prove that there are certain characteristics of urban parks and gardens that can induce in the visitor the pattern of brain activity that is associated with contemplative or meditative states.”

We know that cities can be hectic, stressful places. We also know that green space can have a calming effect on people. But Olszewska is seeking to take our knowledge a step further — to enable designers and planners to maximize the serenity of urban green refuges.

The most contemplative landscapes are not necessarily the ones that people would claim to enjoy the most. More stimulating landscapes — brightly colored flowers, numerous eye-catching elements — may be more immediately attractive.

**Read more:** <http://nextcity.org/daily/entry/city-parks-design-calming-brain>

## Rethinking Rural

*Courtesy of Washington State University Press*

By Caryn Lawton

**New Book Explores Challenges Faced by Western Small Towns, Offers Guidance to Community Leaders**

The vastness and isolation of the American West forged a dependence on scarce natural resources—especially water, forests, fish, and minerals. The small towns clustered near these assets were often self-sufficient and culturally distinct. By 1941, mass media, as well as improved transportation and infrastructure, propelled these sequestered settlements into the mass society era.

Today, the Internet is shaping another revolution, and it promises both obstacles and opportunity. In a global society, consequences developing in the West differ considerably from those emerging in the rest of the country. Formerly prosperous communities struggle to survive, while others attempt to cope with unprecedented growth. Seeking to understand the impact for western small towns specifically, Don Albrecht, Director of the Western Rural Development Center at Utah State University, conducted strategic planning roundtables in thirteen states. The gatherings brought three major concerns to the surface: sustaining natural resources, creating vibrant rural economies, and enhancing educational and employment prospects.

Albrecht assembled insights from hundreds of individuals living and working in the rural West, as well as decades of his own research and an extensive review of relevant literature into *Rethinking Rural: Global Community and Economic Development in the Small Town West*. It is the first single volume to focus on the West and describe why the transition is occurring, what it means, and how to approach emerging problems. The book summarizes characteristics of the isolation, mass society, and global society eras, provides an overview of western environmental history, and explores the significant challenges identified during the forum discussions. More importantly, it offers guidance to community leaders, policy makers, and scholars seeking ways to address poverty, increasing inequality, and shifting demographics, as well as resource management and conservation issues. Lorie Higgins, Ph.D., Extension Specialist and Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho, says Albrecht “tells the story of the West in a concise and compelling way, and makes a strong argument for new strategies in the current Global Society era.”

**For more information:** <http://wsupress.wsu.edu/>

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## **News Clippings**

### **Obama officially designates San Gabriel Mountains a national monument**

*Courtesy of the Los Angeles Times*

By Louis Sahagun

President Obama on Friday officially set aside 346,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument, a move to link more communities east of Los Angeles with wild places in their own backyards.

"This is an issue of social justice, because it's not enough to have this awesome natural wonder within your sight — you have to be able to access it," Obama said at a ceremony attended by more than 150 people at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas.

"Right now, campgrounds are crowded, parking lots are tight, and there haven't been enough resources to manage and maintain this area the way it deserves," he said. "So designating the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument is just the first step toward a broader effort to change that."

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Agencies, nonprofits and local communities now must negotiate a management plan and funding strategies for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, which officials expect to take three years to complete.

**Read more:** <http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-obama-monument-20141011-story.html>

## **More Evidence that a Fully Funded MAP-21 Reauthorization is Possible**

*Courtesy of Planetizen.com*

By Irvin Dawid

Rep. Bill Shuster, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is the second powerful congressman to state that a fully funded, five to six year reauthorization bill can be done, acknowledging that funding challenges lie ahead.

"We have challenges in Washington trying to figure out the funding streams to make sure the Highway Trust Fund is solvent," House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) told transportation officials in Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct 6. He was joined by Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), a member of the Appropriations Committee, reports AASHTO Journal.

"It's my goal to pass a bill that is five to six years long," he said, adding a bill that long would give local authorities the "kind of certainty" they need to plan infrastructure projects."

Last month on a Sunday national television talk show, House Speaker John Boehner also spoke positively about funding the transportation reauthorization bill. His time frame for completing it was "during President Obama's final two years in office," wrote Justin Sink of The Hill.

**Read more:** <http://www.planetizen.com/node/71645>

## **35 New York City Parks to Get Makeovers**

*Courtesy of the New York Times*

By Lisa W. Foderaro

At Bowne Playground in Queens, Mayor Bill de Blasio is expected to announce on Tuesday an ambitious initiative that would channel some \$130 million into tattered parks and playgrounds in low-income neighborhoods across New York City, according to several people briefed on the plan.

Many people could not find them on a map: Ranaqua Park in Mott Haven in the Bronx. Saratoga Ballfields in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Luther Gulick Park on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

They are the hardscrabble neighborhood parks that, advocates say, were overlooked during the Bloomberg administration, even as billions of dollars flowed to big-ticket legacy projects in wealthier parts of the city.

The parks equity plan comes after months of wrangling over how to finance the initiative. During his campaign, Mr. de Blasio endorsed a plan to force the private groups that raise money for the city's richest parks to hand over as much as a fifth of their budgets to needier parks.

**Read more:** <http://tinyurl.com/kjgob6q>

## **Bay City State Recreation Area is first state park in Michigan to feature an electric car charging station**

*Courtesy of MLive.com*

By Sam Easter

BANGOR TOWNSHIP, Michigan — The Bay City State Recreation Area is now the first state park in Michigan equipped to give electric car drivers looking for a jolt a little extra juice.

During a rainy ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Bay City State Recreation Area, located at 3582 State Park Drive in Bay County's Bangor Township, became the first in the state to feature an electric vehicle charging station.

State officials say there are plans to install similar charging units at parks throughout Lower Michigan's I-75 corridor.

According to officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, other possible locations include Straits State Harbor, Sterling State Park and Holly Recreation Area. The only holdup, said Lauinger, is that DNR brass haven't mandated the charging stations at the parks, and they're hoping to avoid using state tax dollars or recreation passport money to fund the project.

"The challenge then is for each of these individual parks to find their partners to do this at each location," Lauinger said, adding he'll be passing along advice on his experiences to a number of other park directors.

The Bay City State Recreation Area's ability to attract partners, Lauinger said, is why it opened its charging station first. An official from Bay City Electric Light and Power said the organization paid \$5,000 for the station and its summer installation using funding from electricity payments. Meanwhile, Graff Chevrolet has agreed to pay the station's first three years of electric bills, which means visitors to the park can currently use the station for free.

**Read more:** [http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2014/10/new\\_electric\\_car\\_charger\\_at\\_ba.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2014/10/new_electric_car_charger_at_ba.html)

## **Officials hope to roust geese with off-leash program**

*Courtesy of KTVB.com*

BOISE, Idaho -- Ann Morrison Park's annual off-leash program is set to begin again Nov. 1.

City officials hope that giving dogs the run of the park will help scare off some unwanted guests: The flocks of geese that aim to spend the winter in the park.

The riverside park attracts hundreds of geese every year. The birds damage the grounds and raise public health and safety concerns, city officials say.

This is the third year Boise has enlisted dogs to help drive the birds away. And it's working: Workers counted 10 geese in the eastern section of Ann Morrison Park in January of last year, down from 485 the year before.

**Read more:** <http://www.ktvb.com/story/news/local/2014/10/13/geese-dogs-off-leash-park/17184319/>

## **Coloradans Work with BLM on Responsible Land Use**

*Courtesy of the Public News Service*

By Stephanie Carson

DENVER, Colorado - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is inviting stakeholders and citizens to take part this week in a new initiative to balance the protection of the land with its potential for development. Titled "Planning 2.0," the program aims to improve how the BLM makes planning decisions in the western U.S.

Harrison Topp, membership field representative for the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, says it's time for everyone to work together.

"We're looking for a balanced approach," he says. "Conservation needs to be part of the equation when considering oil and gas development. The two are not mutually exclusive. In fact, they need to be entirely integrated."

**Read more:** <http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2014-10-02/environment/coloradans-work-with-blm-on-responsible-land-use/a42018-1>

## **Complete Freeways? Florida Tries Bike Lanes on Highway Bridges**

*Courtesy of usa.streetsblog.org*

By Tanya Snyder

A few years ago, a person living in a working-class neighborhood of Miami and commuting to the tourism district in Miami Beach could pretty much forget about walking or biking there. Her choices were either to pay for the bus or buy a car, but healthy, active transportation was

impossible — or at least, illegal. Biking and walking were banned on the causeways between the mainland and the barrier islands.

But in 2012, the Florida legislature changed that by creating a minimum two-year pilot program permitting and accommodating bikes on limited access roads. The state DOT was directed to choose three roads for the experiment, all of which had to cross bodies of water and lie no less than two miles from the nearest bike crossing.

David Henderson of the Miami-Dade MPO and Stewart Robertson of the design firm Kimley-Horn both worked on the redesign. They presented their results to the Pro-Walk Pro-Bike Pro-Place conference in Pittsburgh earlier this month.

The state of Florida is beginning to take bicycle safety seriously. Tired of being consistently ranked the most dangerous state in the nation for walking and biking, state Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad launched the Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative and the state is beginning to build more bike lanes and other infrastructure for safe biking and walking. And the experiment in accommodating active transportation on these limited-access bridges is a bold attempt to correct the errors of the past.

**Read more:** <http://usa.streetsblog.org/2014/09/25/complete-freeways-florida-tries-bike-lanes-on-highway-bridges/>

## **6 Key Questions to Ask for Successful Online Public Engagement**

*Courtesy of CommunityMatters.org*

By Caitlyn Horose

Digital engagement is the latest buzz when it comes to public participation. We hear about the great work of Code for America. We read articles claiming digital engagement is the “new normal.” Our brains spin trying to keep up with new tools and terms—Gov 2.0, civic technology, hackathons, digital citizenship. The list goes on.

Pete Peterson, executive director, Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership and Alissa Black, investment partner, Omidyar Network work with local governments to improve public engagement efforts. They know that despite the buzz, many cities and towns are hesitant to try more than a website or social media.

Pete and Alissa joined CommunityMatters to share ideas on getting started and going deeper with online public engagement. If your town is thinking about diving into the digital realm,

consider these six questions.

**Read more:** <http://www.communitymatters.org/blog/key-questions-ask-successful-online-public-engagement>

## **Amanda Fritz and Portland Parks Board look for ways to spread the wealth: Should the haves help the have nots?**

*Courtesy of Oregon Live*

By Casey Parks

Grant Park residents wanted a dog park. What they got instead was a year-long squabble with Amanda Fritz, the city commissioner who oversees Portland parks.

The fight may have implications for all Portlanders, as the volunteer board that helps shape city recreation policy now considers changing the way Portland spends private parks donations. They are scheduled to discuss the issue and issue a recommendation Wednesday.

Grant Park residents say Fritz's quest for equity may go too far, that she's asking affluent neighborhoods to subsidize poorer ones. National parks experts say no other city has tried what the commissioner is contemplating. Fritz said it's her job to ensure that all Portlanders have the same access to parks, regardless of zip code or income level.

"There are good-hearted people who want to do something," Fritz said. "But how do I manage their request so that it doesn't further widen the gap between the haves and have nots?"

**Read more:**

[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/09/amanda\\_fritz\\_and\\_portland\\_park.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/09/amanda_fritz_and_portland_park.html)

## **“Skateboard Urbanism” Could Change Park Planning**

*Courtesy of NextCity.org*

By Cassie Owens

Philadelphia - On a Thursday afternoon in autumn, there are close to a dozen skateboarders and BMX riders weaving around Paine's Park obstacles and each other. Josh Dubin, the executive

director of Franklin's Paine Skatepark Fund, explains that if school weren't in session, there would be more. The Philadelphia skatepark, now open for more than a year, is the pride and joy of Dubin's skateboarding advocacy non-profit, which works to establish new parks in the City of Brotherly Love. Runners following the adjacent Schuylkill River Trail pass by. A mother pushing a stroller cuts through a grassy inlet. "It's like a park," says Billy Mahoney, 20, who skates at Paine's Park a couple of times a week, on the different kinds of visitors he sees.

Critics have praised Paine's Park, a space that very easily could have been a large cement bowl, for accommodating multifaceted use. At one glance, it looks very much like a plaza. From slightly higher ground, its amphitheater design is more apparent. The tiered ledges curve in the direction of an elevated stage. Complex named Paine's Park in its list of world's most innovative skate parks.

Read more: <http://nextcity.org/daily/entry/skateboard-urbanism-draft>

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## Training Opportunities

### Sustainable Trails Workshop Series and Outdoor Trade Show

*Courtesy of American Trails*

The Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) and the American Trails International Trails Symposium (AT ITS) are proud to announce an exciting new partnership program -- the Sustainable Trails Workshop Series and "Legacy Trail." Through this program, and in conjunction with the International Trails Symposium, PTBA will offer a series of hands-on workshops focusing on the important skills and techniques involved in the sustainable design, planning, construction, and maintenance of trails for all types of users in all types of environments. This series of workshops will result in a local segment of sustainably and professionally built trail being left behind as a legacy of the AT ITS and the PTBA Sustainable Trails Workshop.

PTBA will also provide an Outdoor Demonstration Area and Trade Show as the kick-off to the Symposium on Sunday, May 17. This is the only trade show in the nation dedicated to trailbuilders and trailbuilding tools, technology, and techniques. The outdoor demonstration area will have dirt, terrain, rocks, logs, and brush for equipment demonstrations.

**For more information:** [http://americantrails.org/ee/index.php/symposium/PTBA\\_2015](http://americantrails.org/ee/index.php/symposium/PTBA_2015)

## **Webinar: MAP-21 2.0**

*Courtesy of the Federal Lands Transportation Institute*

**Date:** October 21, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Advocacy Advance

The current federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), expires on October 1, 2014. Join this webinar to learn about how MAP-21 was implemented for biking and walking, and what's next in the federal transportation landscape.

**For more information:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/208409490323820033>

## **Webinar: "Best of the Best" OHV Recreation Experiences**

*Courtesy of the Federal Lands Transportation Institute*

**Date:** November 6, 2014

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

**Cost:** Free members/ \$45 non-members

**Organization:** Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (SORP)

"Best of the Best" experiences satisfy user needs as well as sustainability objectives. Given the growth in sales of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) for recreational uses, OHV enthusiasts and land managers are facing challenges in providing the "best" experiences possible. After reviewing the trends in OHV recreational needs in the United States, the presenters will provide information regarding best practices and guidelines in creating high-quality, sustainable, and fun recreational experiences for OHV users. The roles of day use OHV parks, specialized training facilities, and existing road retrofits will be discussed in detail. Finally, a set of references and resources available to assist recreation planners and implementers in realizing the best recreational experience possible for OHV users will be reviewed.

**For more information:** <http://www.recpro.org/sorp-webinars>

## **Webinar: Towards a Mountain Trail Sustainability Ethic**

*Courtesy of the Federal Lands Transportation Institute*

**Date:** December 11, 2014

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

**Cost:** \$35members/ \$55 non-members

**Organization:** American Trails

The goal of a trail sustainability ethic is protection of natural and cultural resources, inspired by federal land management agency trail management traditions, and implemented with consideration to a wilderness ethic of minimum alteration of natural system.

Attendees will be challenged to reflect their role as leaders in the mountain trails community and how to use Art, Science, and Inspiration to craft successful multiple use Sustainable Mountain Trail projects. The presentation is geared to the novice, intermediate and expert trail planner and designer. While the presenter's experience is predominantly with mountain trails, the principles presented will apply to all natural and soft surface trails.

**For more information:** <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/ManageMaintain/webinar-Sustainable-Mountain-Trails-Duffy-3.html>

## **Webinar: Maintenance Funding**

*Courtesy of the Federal Lands Transportation Institute*

**Date:** December 16, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Advocacy Advanced

Maintenance is an important part of a safe and efficient transportation system. When constructing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure it is important to understand the maintenance costs of those investments and maintenance practices that will make them safe and comfortable. Join this webinar to learn about how cities and states maintain bicycle and pedestrian facilities and how those efforts are paid for.

**For more information:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7078942092458197762>

## **Webinar: Protect What You Love: Water Trail Ambassador and Stewardship Programs**

*Courtesy of the Federal Lands Transportation Institute*

**Date:** January 22, 2014

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

**Cost:** \$35 members/ \$55 non-members

**Organization:** American Trails

The best water trails link outdoor recreation to conservation and stewardship opportunities. This a symbiotic relationship between recreating on waterways and protecting them doesn't occur without effort. This webinar will explore water trail ambassador programs from coast to coast.

Presenters will detail two programs that train and deploy volunteer ambassadors to raise awareness around watershed protection. Additionally, a "Best of the Rest" presentation will highlight a number of short-term and long-term stewardship efforts around the country. The webinar will explore all levels of ambassador and stewardship programs, ranging from single-day clean-ups to ongoing efforts.

**For more information:** <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/water/webinar-water-trail-stewardship.html>

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*Courtesy of the National Institute of Crime Prevention*

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