



Trails Showcase

The Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference – Trails Showcase – is an opportunity for municipalities, non-profits, park systems and for-profit enterprises to highlight their accomplishments and share “Best Practices” on the development and construction of trails, bike lanes and related facilities as well as very creative programming conducted on these facilities.

The Showcase!

Thank you to all organizations that submitted a project or program this year.

2021 marks the fourth formal ***Trails Showcase*** with a remarkable set of **twenty five** submissions from **six** counties. Projects include physical trails, bike lanes and special, physical amenities which provide for or enhance pedestrian or bicycle use. Programs are activities or events for people which take place on trails, bike lanes and associated green spaces.

All of the nominations are outstanding. Yet, in order to highlight the most laudable and noteworthy, The GCTG Committee would like to thank the following individuals for serving on the Judging Panel:



Roland Anglin

Dr. Roland V. Anglin is Dean of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. He is recognized for his scholarly and applied work in economic and community development and is an advocate for public polices and community-based strategies that create social and economic opportunities for marginalized communities and people. Prior to his appointment as Dean, Dr. Anglin was Senior Advisor to the Chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark and Director of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies. He is the author of numerous books and peer-reviewed articles and sits on several public sector boards. He received his doctorate from the University of Chicago.



Hanna Fritzman Belsito

Hannah Belsito is the Chief Experience Officer for Destination Cleveland, a nonprofit destination marketing and management organization with a focus on changing perceptions of, attracting people to, and enhancing experiences in Cleveland. Hannah leads the destination management strategy by working with the local residents, the hospitality community, elected officials and both community and economic development organizations to enhance the visitor experience and strengthen the destination. These efforts ensure community-wide destination investments increase and travel-related strategies are connected and aligned. Hannah holds a master's in urban planning, design and development from Cleveland State and a bachelor's in communications from John Carroll

University, and resides in Lakewood with her husband and two children.



Ebony Hood

Ebony Hood is a native Cleveland resident with 20+ years of experience in grassroots community organizing working with youth and families in outdoor spaces. She is dedicated to changing the narrative by creating culturally relevant and evidence-based curriculum for transformative education and learning in communities of color. In her daytime role, she works as a Community Relations Specialist with the Northeast Ohio Regional

Sewer District building partnerships with community stakeholders that promote environmental stewardship. She holds a Master's in Education for Science Curriculum and Instruction from Kent State University. You will likely find Ebony enjoying the trails (water & land) on planned outings with groups.



Michelle Jarboe

Michelle Jarboe is an enterprise reporter who writes about real estate, economic development and other topics. Before joining *Crain's* in May 2020, she covered real estate for *The Plain Dealer* for more than a decade. A past president of the National Association of Real Estate Editors, she holds a graduate certificate in urban real estate development and finance from Cleveland State University.



Angie Schmitt

Angie Schmitt founded and runs 3MPH, a planning and consulting firm for “pedestrian scale” transportation. She also is the author of *Right of Way: Race, Class and the Silent Crisis of Pedestrian Deaths in America*. Angie was a writer and national editor for Streetsblog, a go-to source for planners, engineers and advocates. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *the Atlantic*, *Bicycling*, *GOOD*, *Landscape Architecture Magazine* and a number of other publications. In 2019, she was the Anne Niles Endowed Speaker at Portland State University’s Transportation Research and Education Center. She holds a master’s degree in urban planning from the

Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and was a founding board member at Bike Cleveland.



Patty Stevens

Patty Stevens is a landscape architect and environmental planner. She was a partner in a local architecture and land planning firm for 20 years and Cleveland Metroparks' Chief of Park Planning for 10 years. While in private practice, she worked on a range of trail projects including the Towpath and county-wide trail plans for Summit and Stark Counties. She recently retired from the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, having served as Director of Capital Projects for 5 years. At the Conservancy, she managed the design and implementation of the East Rim Mountain Bike Trail and the Boston Mill Visitor Center, Cuyahoga Valley National Park. She is currently an adjunct professor at Kent State University in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.



Richard Wong

Richard Wong retired late in 2020 after 10 years with Cleveland and 29 years with Cleveland Heights (26 of those as Cleveland Heights' Planning Director). Like-minded citizens, co-workers, colleagues, and architect and engineer consultants greatly helped him on initiatives such as North Park Boulevard's road diet, buffered bike lanes, bike repair station, and the first bike box in Greater Cleveland; Edgehill Road's buffered bike lane and Edgehill-Overlook reconfiguration; Lee Road's road diet completion, and Cedar-Lee Streetscape; collaboration with Cleveland on the the Cedar Hill trail that connects to the

Harrison Dillard Trail (also known as the Lake to Lakes Trail); and recognition in 2018 by the National Complete Streets Coalition as having the best Complete Streets policy.

Showcase Committee

- Amanda Cramer, Union Miles Development Corporation
- Nancy Desmond, Cleveland Metroparks
- Mark Lefkowitz, Community Advocate and Writer
- Scott Muscatello, City of Euclid
- Kara O'Donnell, City of Shaker Heights
- Rachel Oscar, Campus District
- Elaine Price, Cuyahoga County Planning
- Emily Rindfleisch, West Creek Conservancy
- Arthur Schmidt, OHM Advisors
- Sean Terry, Trust for Public Land

Programs

Bike the Heights – Pandemic Rides



- **Wilson-Terburg Family of University Heights**
- **Project Leaders/Managers:**
10-year old Daniel Terburg and his parents
- **Type:**
 - Health & fitness
 - Socializing
 - Education & safety
- **Description:** Parental challenge to cycle every street in University Hts.
- **Year Started: 2020**

County Cuyahoga
(Cuyahoga District 10)

Wilson-Terburg Family



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Cuyahoga Connections

Cuyahoga Connections Volume Four



- **Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park**
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Conservancy Programs Team
- **Type:**
 - Education & safety
 - Nature
- **Monthly set of CVNP online activities and resources**
- **Year Started: 2020**

County: Summit

CONSERVANCY
FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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Cycle Canalway



Cycle Canalway
Explore the Towpath Trail by Bike!
4 Weeks | Mapped Rides for Every Skill Level

Adventure Guides!
* Weekly Prizes! *

Leisure rides to enjoy at your own pace and schedule

Register at canalwaypartners.com

Logos: Cuyahoga County, OHIO RIVER CANALWAY, Cargill

Three small photos at the bottom show people riding bicycles on a trail.

- Canalway Partners
- Type:
 - Health & fitness
 - Culture & history
- A month-long series of self-guided leisure bike rides for all experience levels.
- Started 2004, redesigned in 2020.

Cuyahoga County:
(Cuyahoga District #)



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Lakeview Greening Project



- **Ohio City Incorporated**
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Ashley Shaw, Chief Operation Officer; Whitney Long Jones, Community Engagement & Equity Manager; Keri Palma, Senior Director of Youth & Family Engagement
- **Type:** Accessibility, Health
- **Description:** Ohio City Incorporated is working with residents at CMHA's Lakeview Estates to strengthen connections between the Lakeview community and the broader Ohio City neighborhood, through public art, neighborhood cleanups, youth programming and bicycle education.
- **Year Started:** 2015

County: Cuyahoga
(Cuyahoga District #)



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Story Book Trails



- **Summit Metro Parks**
- **Story Book Trails**
Leaders/Managers: SMP interpretive staff, Meghan Doran, Demetrius Falconer & Mike Greene
- **Type:**
 - "Pop up"
 - Education
- **During COVID-19 pandemic how do we engage visitors? We developed a variety of self-guided activities on our trails throughout the park district and it served hundreds of visitors.**

County: Summit

General Information

2020

Summit Metro Parks 

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Projects

Dunham Road Greenway Project



- Roadway Reconstruction including the addition of Bike Lanes and the Planting of New Trees
- **Length:** 1.5 miles
- **Cost:** \$2,900,000
- **Funding Sources:** Cuy County Public Works
- **Urban Tree Canopy Grant**
- **City of Maple Heights**
- **Village of Walton Hills**
- **Construction Dates:** Start January, 2021
Completion October, 2021

County: Cuyahoga
(Cuyahoga District
8)



Name: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell
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Shoreline Drive



- **Type:** Roadway Rehabilitation with a Multi-Purpose Trail
- **Length:** 0.7 Miles
- **Cost:** \$10 Million
- **Funding Sources:** City of Sandusky, Wightman-Wisbar Foundation, Private Donations, Grants
- **Date:** 2018-2020
- **Project Leaders / Managers:**
 - Eric Wobser, City Manager, City of Sandusky
 - Alex Pesta, AIA, AICP LEED AP, Planning Principal, City Architecture

County: Erie



Name: Alex Pesta

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North Shore Trail Phase I



- **Type:** Trail/Shared-Use Path
- **Length:** 5.3 miles
- **Cost:** \$1,240,734 (Design & Construction)
- **Funding Sources:** ODOT TAP/TASA, ODNR COTF, Civic Development Corporation
- **Date:** November 2017 - October 2020
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Larry Frimerman

County: Ashtabula



Project Partner:
City of Ashtabula, Ohio



Name: Larry Frimerman

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Nord Family Greenway



- **Type:** All purpose
- **Length:** 0.4 miles
- **Cost:** \$15 million
- **Funding Sources:** Family of Jane and Eric Nord, Family of Curt and Sara Moll, Toby Devan Lewis, and the Cleveland Foundation
- **Date:** started Feb 2017; finished May 2018
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Rick Pruden, CWRU
Chris Panichi

Cuyahoga County
District 7

Project Partners:
Case Western Reserve

Project Consultants:
CWRU
Sasaki Associates,

Name: Chris Panichi

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Brighton Park



- **Type** All-purpose & natural surface loop trails
- **Length** 5,000 linear feet
- **Cost** \$1.3M for acquisition, remediation, and park improvements
- **Funding Sources**
 - Clean Ohio Conservation Fund
 - Cuyahoga County Brownfield Fund
 - USEPA
 - Sustain Our Great Lakes
 - Recreational Trail Program – ODNR
 - Cleveland Foundation
 - Arconic
 - Kent H. Smith
 - NOPEC
 - City of Cleveland Casino Funds
 - Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program
- **Date:** 2006 (initial planning) to 2021 (park completion)

County: Cuyahoga
(Cuyahoga District #3)



Cleveland Metroparks



Western Reserve
Land Conservancy
MADE A BETTER + COMMUNITIES

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Chardon Maple Highlands Trail Phase II



- **Type** Trail/Shared-Use Path
- **Length** 0.86 Miles
- **Cost** \$2.116M
- **Funding Sources**
- ODNr COTF, NOACA TAP/TASA
- **Date:** January 2017 – November 2020
- **Project Leaders/Managers:**
Randy Sharpe
Paul Hornyak

City: Chardon
County: Geauga

 Environmental
Design Group

 **CHARDON**
Ohio

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Atwood Lake North Shore Trail Phase III



- **Type:** Trail/Shared-Use Path
- **Length:** 2,257 LF
- **Cost:** \$415,300
- **Funding Sources:** ODNR RTP & General Funds
- **Date:** August 2018 – March 2021
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Jeff Yohe

County: Tuscarawas

 Environmental Design Group


MUSKINGUM
WATERSHED
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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TIGER Trails



Wendy Park Bridge Rendering



Red Line Greenway

- **Type:** All purpose trail
- **Length:** ~4 miles total
- **Cost:** ~\$17 million
- **Funding Sources:** TIGER: \$7.950M; CMAQ: \$2.080M; State Capital: \$1M; COTF: \$1.350M; Private/Other: \$4.620M
- **Date:** July 2017-June 2021
- **Project Partners:** Cleveland Metroparks, The Trust for Public Land, LAND studio
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Sean McDermott, PE.; Bob Burichin, PM; Andy Simons, PM

County: Cuyahoga

Mark Haynes Construction, The Great Lakes Construction Company, Schirmer Construction, Michael Baker International, E.L. Robinson Engineering, KS Associates



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City of Euclid Waterfront Development Public Access Multi-Modal Lakefront Trail



- **Type:** Bike/ped, all-purpose, paved
- **Length:** ¾ of a mile
- **Cost:** \$13.4M
- **Funding Sources:** The project is fully funded. Federal, State, Local grants incl. FEMA, NPS, Great Lakes Commission, OhioEPA, State Capital Budget, ODNR, Cuyahoga County Casino Revenue, City bonds and TIF funds.
- **Date:** 11/28 – 12/21
- **Manager:** Allison

Cuyahoga County
District 11



SMITHGROUP JJR



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Towpath Trail Extension Project



- All-purpose trail for non-motorized use.
- **Length** - 6 miles
- **Cost** - \$48 Million
- **Funding Sources** (see below)
- **Date:** begun in 2004; completion, Fall 2021
- **Project Leaders/Managers:**
City of Cleveland,
Cuyahoga County,
Cleveland Metroparks,
Canalway Partners

Cuyahoga County:
(District 7)

Project Support



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TRAIL LAKE PARK



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- **Trail - Multi-purpose trail mixed bike and pedestrian use. Non motorized only.**

- **Length** – 1.62 mile paved loop

- **Cost** – 3.8 million

- **Funding Sources**

Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ohio Department of Transportation, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Ohio EPA Water Resources Restoration Sponsor Program, Portage Park District Foundation

- **Start date** 5/2019;
Open Date: 11/2021

- **Project Manager**
Portage Park District



County: Portage
County

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Lake Erie Water Trail-Cuyahoga County



- **Type:** Water Trail
- **Length:** 20+ miles
- **Cost:** \$5,700
- **Funding Sources:** ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft grant; in-kind design and coordination from Cleveland Metroparks
- **Date:** May 2019 – July 2021
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Cleveland Metroparks, Lake Erie Water Trail – Cuyahoga County Partners, ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft

County: Cuyahoga



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Skyline Overlook Trail



- **Location:** West Creek Reservation (Parma)
- **Type:** Natural Surface
- **Length:** .7 miles
- **Cost:** \$16,000
- **Funding Source:** Cleveland Hiking Club
- **Dedicated:** April 20, 2019 in celebration of the Cleveland Hiking Club's 100th Anniversary

County: Cuyahoga



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Lake Avenue Bicycle Lanes

City of Lakewood



- **Bike Lanes**
- **Length:** 2.5 Miles
- **Cost** (\$290K total)
 - Planning (\$30K)
 - Design (\$20K)
 - Striping (\$240K)
- **Funding Sources**
 - Planning (NOACA TLCI)
 - Design (City of Lakewood)
 - Striping (Cuyahoga County)
- **Date:** 2018 - 2020
- **Project Leaders/Managers:**
 - Alex Harnocz (Planning)
 - David Baas (Planning)
 - Mark Papke (Engineering)
 - Brian Shields (Public Works)
- **Consultants/Contractors:**
 - Nelson Nygaard (Planning)
 - TMS Engineers, Inc. (Planning)
 - CT Consultants (Design)
 - The Shelly Company (Striping)
 - Traftech, Inc. (Striping)



County: Cuyahoga
(Cuyahoga District #2)



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Orange Village Recreational Trails Project



- **Type:** Recreational Trail
- **Length:** 8.75 Miles
- **Cost:** \$5 Million
- **Funding Sources:** Pinecrest Development
- **Date:** started; Sept. 2018 and will be completed at the end of 2021
- **Project Leaders/Managers:** Mayor Kathy Mulcahy

County: Cuyahoga
District #9



Name: Mayor Kathy Mulcahy

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HEMLOCK CREEK TRAIL



- All-purpose 10-ft wide asphalt trail
- 2-miles in length
- \$5 Million (Design & Construction)
- Federal Transportation Bill, ODNR Clean Ohio Trails Fund, City of Independence, Ohio & Erie Canalway Association, Rails to Trail Conservancy, Coca-Cola Foundation, Independence Garden Club
- Date: 2019
- Project Leaders/Managers:
 - West Creek Conservancy
 - City Officials
 - J.D. Williams Construction Company

Exhimer Construction

County: Cuyahoga
District: 6



WEST CREEK
CONSERVANCY



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Big Creek Park Mountain Bike Trail



- Mountain bike trail (2.05 mi)
- **Cost:** \$10,000
- **Funding Sources:** Park District Land Improvement Fund
- **Date:** Summer 2019 – Fall 2019
- **Project Leaders:** Matthew McCue, Director of Planning; Daniel [McConnaughey](#), Park Planner; Michael Ryba, Cleveland Area Mountain Bike Association

County: Geauga
Geauga Park District



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Holbrook Hollows: Connecting Trails



- Trails for hiking & equestrian use (2.3 mi)
- **Cost:** \$100,000
- **Funding Sources:** Park District Land Improvement Fund, Geauga County Chapter Ohio Horseman's Council, Ohio Horseman's Council
- **Dates:** Spring 2017 – Fall 2018
- **Project Leaders:** Matthew McCue, Director of Planning; [Daniel McConnaughy](#), Park Planner

County: Geauga
Gauga Park District

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Claridon Woodlands Activity Corridor



- Hiking trails leading to various recreational opportunities (1.1 mi)
- **Cost:** \$240,000
- **Funding Sources:** Park District Land Improvement Fund
- **Dates:** Master Planning 2016 – Construction 2017
- **Project Leaders:** Matthew McCue, Director of Planning; [Daniel McConnaughy](#), Park Planner; Tommy Yokum, Park Planner

County: Geauga
Geauga Park District



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Champions of Trails Recognitions

New this year is the **Champions of Trails** recognition - to honor individuals for their regional impact and notable contributions in the advancement of trail or bikeway development and access through their history of leadership, funding, policy, advocacy, programming, or other related efforts.

Michael Ryba

This Champion has worked tirelessly the past twenty years for the mountain bike access initiative in the



Cleveland, Ohio area and has been the treasurer of the Cleveland Mountain Bike Association, CAMBA, nearly as long. Attending numerous trail building seminars, he not only helps design and build mountain biking trails, he educates trail users and mountain bike riders on proper trail use and etiquette. He advocates, at his own expense, with Washington legislators for mountain bike access. Recently, this Champion partnered with Geauga Park District to build three miles of singletrack trail, with more to come, in Big Creek Park.

Nominated by William Braum, we recognize **Mike Ryba** of CAMBA as a 2021 Champion of Trails!



Keith Workman

This Champion is the founder of Rails-to-Trails of Wayne County, Ohio. In 1994 he launched efforts to build the Sippo Valley Trail in Dalton to connect into Stark

County. It opened in 2002. He volunteers tirelessly for all events, regular maintenance and trail monitoring. He helps with future trail development, scouting opportunities to acquire old railroad right of way. He organizes fundraising rides, documents the organization's history and keeps records of efforts and successes. Because he rides trails everywhere, he learns and shares a wide range of rail-trail history. Nominated by Rails-to-Trails of Wayne County, we recognize **Keith Workman** of Rails-to-Trails, Wayne County, as a 2021 Champion of Trails!

Jim Sheehan

An instrumental leader in the founding, growth and evolution of the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, this Champion serves youth and adults alike in promoting bicycling, bike safety and bike maintenance skills in the Cleveland region. He works tirelessly leading rides, running the "Earn a Bike" program for youth, teaching bicycle maintenance and coordinating a huge team of volunteers to run all of the above. His leadership has transformed Ohio City Bike Co-op into a "Public Library



for Bikes” and his efforts drive their mission to promote bicycling in greater Cleveland and engage youth and adults in cycling activities that foster independence, resourcefulness, and good health.

Nominated by Spoke Sisters, we recognize **Jim Sheehan** of Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, as a 2021 Champion of Trails!



Marlane Weslian

For over forty years, this Champion has promoted trail, economic and social development in the Slavic Village neighborhood of

Cleveland. She was a driving force of the Morgana Run Trail, Cleveland's first rail trail. This 2.5 mile trail provides an east-west connection for the neighborhood and positions Slavic Village for regional connections to downtown Cleveland, the Towpath, and the Metropark’s Garfield Reservation. To compliment the trail, she spearheaded the installation of nearly a dozen public art pieces along the path and later assisted in converting the adjacent, former Woolen Mills property into the Morgana Bluffs Nature Preserve. Her contributions to this neighborhood, trails and greenspace are too numerous to list.

Nominated by Slavic Village Development Corporation, we recognize **Marlane Weslian**, recently retired from Slavic Village Development Corporation, as a 2021 Champion of Trails!

Tim Donovan

For three decades this Champion shepherded the idea of a trail following the historic path of the Ohio & Erie Canal. That vision blossomed into a National Heritage Area that preserves and interprets the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the region. This trail is nearly realized with the substantial completion of the Towpath Trail Extension and the initiation of site improvements for Canal Basin Park. This Champion created the blueprint for public engagement in driving a project. Marathon races, river sweeps and a menagerie of events drove thousands of citizens into the trail spaces generating a passionate public demand, second to none, to “finish the Towpath!” Trail project leaders near and far are copying this approach.



Nominated by Canalway Partners, we recognize **Tim Donovan**, trying to retire from Canalway Partners, as a 2021 Champion of Trails!



Dave Vasarhelyi

This Champion’s passion for greenspace combined with his natural ability to connect with others made a lasting impression on countless people throughout his life. His career began with the National Park Service, ultimately leading him home with

Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Over the course of his career, he helped both the National Park Service and later, Trust for Public Land acquire and protect thousands of acres. To protect from commercial development his boyhood playground, Parma's West Creek valley, he founded what is today the West Creek Conservancy, activated citizens and successfully advocated for the creation of a park, now the West Creek Reservation of Cleveland Metroparks with more than seven miles of trails. He formed the vision of the West Creek Greenway, recently adopted into the Cuyahoga Greenway Plan, to tie the new park to the Towpath Trail. He played a key role in the development of the City of Independence's recently opened Hemlock Creek Trail as part of this greenway.

In Memoriam.....

Nominated by Cuyahoga Valley National Park, we recognize **Dave Vasarhelyi**, as a **FOREVER** Champion of Trails!