



International Trails Symposium

Portland OR, 5/19-20, 2015

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• Sessions Attended

- Creating Trails Databases using GIS Technology
- Creating the Next Generation of Trail Planning Tools
- Collective Impact: Creating Trail Networks on a Grand Scale
- Regional Trails – Connecting Rural and Urban Communities



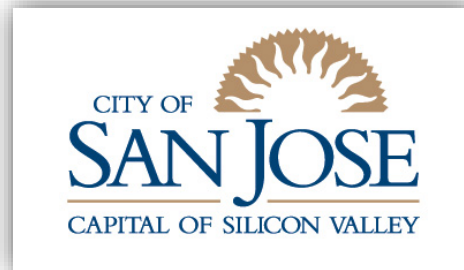
- **Portland Metro**
 - Regional composite
 - **Customized Federal Trail Data Standards**
 - Full-time staff / On-going work
 - Urban & natural trails
- **Washington State**
 - Began as Graduate student effort
 - Initial budget estimated ~\$2M
 - Grant funded ~\$350K
 - **Presentation**

Next Gen Trails Planning Tools



- Building national dataset to inform local planning
- Data driven
- Trail counters to document accurate use/demand metrics
- Basis for budget/economics discussions

Collective Impact

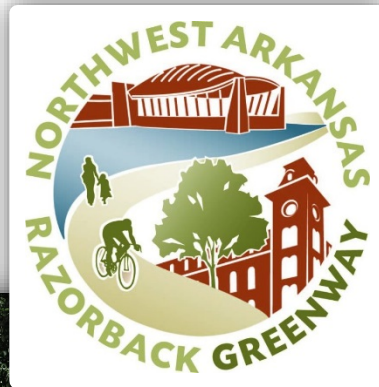


- Aligning interests across regions to achieve social good
 - [SF Bay Trail](#)
 - [San Jose Trails](#)
 - [The Circuit - Philadelphia](#)
 - [The Intertwine - Portland](#)
 - [Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition](#)



- **San Jose**
 - Goal: Become the national leader in urban trail integration
 - 100-miles of off-street paved trails (57 so far)
 - 400-miles on on-street bikeways
- **Redmond Central Connector**
 - 4-mile downtown stretch of revitalized rail corridor
 - 30-acres of prime downtown real estate
 - Strong arts/civic integration

Megatrails



- **Coachella Valley (CV) Link**
 - 80-miles
 - \$100M
 - Planning began in 2013
- **Razorback Regional Greenway**
 - 36-miles
 - \$38M
 - Planning began in 2000
- **Wolf River Greenway – Memphis TN**
 - 30-miles
 - Planning began in 2005

Other Notables



- [LA River 2020](#)
 - 51-miles
- [Napa Vine Trail](#)
 - 47-miles
 - Vallejo to Calistoga
- [East Coast Greenway](#)
 - 2900-miles
 - Maine to Florida



- **Think Big!**
- **Build Coalitions**
- **Branding Matters**
- **Creative Public-Private Funding**
- Many other regions & countries investing in trails/greenways
- Significant positive economic, social and environmental benefits