



2017 PA Greenways and Trails Summit

September 24-27, 2017

Reading, PA

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

You are invited to present at the 2017 PA Greenways and Trails Summit! The three-day event occurs every two years and is the premier educational and networking gathering for PA's trail stakeholders. The Summit unites over 200 trail developers, managers, advocates, government officials, and consultants from PA and beyond. The 2017 Summit will be held Sunday, September 24th to Tuesday, September 26th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Reading, PA. The PA Recreation and Park Society, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Berks Nature and Schuylkill River Heritage Area are hosting the event with the assistance of a local planning committee.

Proposal Details:

The goals of the educational sessions are to: (1) highlight successful and innovative work and; (2) share ideas and lessons learned. Sessions are 60 to 75 minutes in length, though multi-session workshops may be included. Session formats may include single speakers, panel presentations, facilitated roundtables and hands-on demonstrations. Proposals from out-of-state speakers are welcome. The committee plans to fill 30 session slots on a variety of topics within these greenway and trail program areas:

- **Communications** (*Marketing, Public Relations*)
- **Community Development** (*Economic Impact, Trail Towns, Partnerships*)
- **Health**
- **Inclusion** (*Equity, Diversity, Accessibility*)
- **Management** (*Operations, Maintenance, Volunteers, Collaborations*)
- **Planning, Development, Building** (*Concept, Plan, Design, Amenities*)
- **Policy**
- **Professional Development**
- **Programming** (*Outdoor recreation, Stewardship*)
- **Technology** (*Mapping, Mobile, Monitoring Use*)
- **User Centered** (*Equine, OHV, Water Trail, Urban*)

Proposal Evaluation:

Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee based on the following criteria: (1) Overall fit with the needs and interests of the PA greenways and trails community; (2) Novelty relative to topics and presenters from past Summit and; (3) Costs related to the session. Depending on the volume of proposals, the selection committee may ask presenters to share a session even if they did not submit jointly.

Proposal Submission:

Please submit a proposal for consideration by **February 10, 2017**, by completing an *Educational Session Proposal Form* and returning it via email to Daphne Klahr and Emily Gates at daphne.klahr@readingpa.gov and egates@prps.org. If you need assistance completing this form, please contact Emily Gates at the provided email address or call (814) 234-4272.

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