

Awards Program

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California Trails & Greenways Foundation - 2014 Grant Recipients

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

Information on the 2015 California Trails & Greenways Foundation grants can be found at ctgf.org. Applications are due on September 30, 2015.

**Applications for CTGF's 2015 grant cycle are available at:
www.ctgf.org/storage/2013-GrantApplicationfill-in.pdf**

California Trails Conference Award Recipients

Merit Awards-Development

Winners

Sunrise Recreation and Park District-Arcade Park Preserve

Arcade Creek Park Preserve comprises 10 acres within an urban area, with native oak woodland, riparian vegetation, and Arcade Creek flowing through the site. The trail system forms the backbone of the park and is designed to foster multi-generational recreation. The trail system includes a children's adventure play area, environmentally themed play pockets, workout stations, picnic area, and interpretive signs.

East Bay RPD-2014 Road to Trail Conversion Projects

East Bay Regional Park District completed two road to trail conversion projects. While very different in scope and cost, both projects demonstrate the benefits of transforming motor vehicle roadways into human-scaled trails. The natural-surface Pleasanton Ridge project was completed in the fall of 2014. The conversion of the former Carquinez Scenic Drive into the George Miller Trails was dedicated and open on November 8, 2014.

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit- Eagle Falls Trail Reconstruction

The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit initiated and implemented a major reconstruction effort of the Eagle Falls Trail in Lake Tahoe. With the construction of staircases, retaining walls, reroutes and erosion control structures the trail is now safer for hikers and more environmentally friendly. Additionally, dozens of young adults gained valuable job experience.

Santa Clara County Parks-John Nicholas Trail

The County of Santa Clara, Parks and Recreation Department, constructed the 3.1 mile, natural-surface, single-track, multi-use John Nicholas Trail in Sanborn County Park, Saratoga, CA. This is a very important milestone for Sanborn County Park and the County of Santa Clara's Department of Parks and Recreation. This initial phase/trail construction introduces a new user group (mountain bikes) to Sanborn County Park and the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and expands access for dog users. The new construction connects Skyline Trail to Black Road, and the reconstruction and improvements on the Skyline Trail to safely accommodate multi-use trail access in a sustainable and natural resource-friendly manner.

Honorable Mention

Forest Trails Alliance-Deer Creek Tribute Trail

Forest Trails Alliance completed a ¼ mile trail project on the Deer Creek Tribute Trail system in Nevada City that includes custom rockwork, artistic bridge landings, and foundations for a large suspension bridge. This unique community-built trail provides a new and exciting opportunity to get outdoors, only a short walk from downtown Nevada City.

City of Fullerton-Bastanchury/Valencia Mesa Bike Path

The project is a Class 1 concrete bike path from Bastanchury Road southerly in the Brea Dam Recreational Area and east of the St. Jude Medical Center to the Fullerton Tennis Center, where it will join an existing recently improved recreational trail/class 1 bikeway. The project provides an alternate route to the heavily traveled Bastanchury Road/Harbor Boulevard intersection.

Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District-Montini Open Space Preserve and Trail

The District constructed nearly two miles of trail that connect the Montini Open Space Preserve's (Preserve) spectacular views, wildflower fields, wildlife, and oak woodlands to the Sonoma Plaza and Sonoma Overlook Trail to the east, the regional bike trail to the south, and the Vallejo Home and a neighborhood access to the west. The Preserve protects the prominent hillside that forms the scenic backdrop to the City of Sonoma

Merit Awards – Planning

Winners

Sierra Club/Santa Margarita Group/San Geronio Chapter-Murrieta Creek Trail Four City Planning Team

The Santa Margarita Sierra Club group received a grant to create a trail positioned along the Murrieta Creek in Southwest Riverside County. In May and June of 2014, the four cities adjacent to the proposed trails passed resolutions stating they were in agreement with the trail proposal. The amazing team-work of the planners from the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Ellsinore in conjunction with the energetic NPS grant facilitator made it all happen

City of San Jose-Three Creeks Trail Master Plan

The Three Creeks Trail master plan defines a paved and landscaped trail alignment for the developing system through San José. The former railway

alignment offers opportunities for exercise, play, gathering, and interpretation. Architectural gateways and orchard trees will recall the area's agricultural and canning industry past. Native and drought-tolerant landscaping will add year-round interest. Five interpretive stations will share the area's history. A playground along the trail will allow for thematic and playful recollection of the area's past.

Social Media, Websites and Technology Awards

Winners

Konocti Regional Trails Group-konoctitrails.com

Konocti Regional Trails (KRT) is a network of rural pathways and trails that highlight Lake County's outstanding scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, and cultural history. With minimal resources, the KRT Team comprised of part-time County staff and volunteers have successfully developed educational and informational tools/copy used in print and electronic media to promote health and economic vitality in the community.

UCLA Interpretive Media Laboratory-LASHP Trails Mobile Website

LASHP Trails is an experimental mobile website that shares site-specific portraits about the past, present, and future of the neighborhoods around the Los Angeles State Historic Park (LASHP). Created by UCLA's Interpretive Media Laboratory (IMLab), the mobile website features three distinct loop trails and lays the foundation for a network of community-created trails emanating from parks across Los Angeles.

S.F. Bay Trail Project-San Francisco Bay Trail Phone App

The San Francisco Bay Trail smart phone app, funded by the State Coastal Conservancy, provides location specific, GPS enabled, curated content along four segments of trail around the Bay region. Narrated by Bay Area outdoor icon Doug McConnell, former host of the award-winning television show "Bay Area Backroads", this technology provides trail users with a storyteller in their pocket.

Honorable Mention

County of Los Angeles-trails.lacounty.gov

Trails.lacounty.gov is a "one-stop" website for trail users and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge and enjoyment of healthy outdoor recreation

in Los Angeles County. With its engaging and intuitive interface, extensive data, digital and print-ready products, and continued expansion and improvement efforts, trails.lacounty.gov is an impressive example of technologic best practices in support of trails, recreation, and open spaces.

Lifetime Professional Achievement Award

Richard E. “Dick” Troy

For more than 30 years, Richard E. “Dick” Troy has been an active professional advocate for trails and open space. As an employee with California State Parks, as well as a volunteer with several non-profit groups, Dick has worked with an unwavering commitment to further resource protection and high quality outdoor recreation for residents and visitors alike.

Dick enjoyed a 30 year career with California State Parks where he retired in 2002 as Deputy Director for Park Operations. Beyond the Trails Conference, he stays active in park matters, serving on the boards of the State Railroad Museum and Anza Borrego Foundations.

For more than 20 years, Dick has provided leadership and support for the annual statewide California Trails and Greenways Conference. He worked to strengthen the conference and the leadership role it plays in the California trails community. Always positive and encouraging, Dick models a “cheer-leading” style that ensures the success of many endeavors. He retired from the Board of Directors in January 2015.

Past Winners of California Trails and Greenways Conference Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Lifetime Volunteer Achievement

- 1994-George Cardinet
- 1996- Hulet Hornbeck
- 1997- Vie and George Obern
- 1998- Claude A. (Tony) and Mildred Look
- 1999- Ilse Byrnes
- 2005- Barbara Weitz and William (Bill) Bliss
- 2007- John and Arvie Degenfelder
- 2009- Ron Brown
- 2010- John Olmsted and Michael Kelley
- 2013- Elizabeth "Liz" Blackwelder
- 2014- Lauralee Svensgaard and Jim Hasenauer

Lifetime Professional Achievement

- 1995- Ross Henry
- 2000-2001- Charlie Willard
- 2001-2002- Greg Wells and Steve Fiala
- 2005- Douglas (Doug) Andrews
- 2006- Bill Haire
- 2008- Peter Lewis
- 2009- Don Beers, Bob Doyle and Karl Knapp
- 2010- Steve Diers
- 2012- Terry Hanson

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2016 Award Nominations **California Trails & Greenways Conference**

Do you know of individuals or projects currently underway that are worthy of special recognition? The Conference Awards Committee will release nomination information for next year's awards in October 2015.

This is your opportunity to bring acknowledgement and appreciation to the individuals, organizations, agencies and businesses that, through hard work, integrity and social responsibility, have made outstanding contributions that promote, enhance or expand public awareness and use of trails and greenways in California during calendar year 2015.

**Full details about the Awards Program can be found on our website at
www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference.**