



The Greenways Foundation

Helping Communities Throughout Indiana Build Linear Parks

The Greenways Foundation is a charitable trust working to promote the growth, enhancement and use of Indiana greenways. It is our goal to assist communities throughout the State in realizing the economic, social and health benefits of linear parks.

The Foundation's Role

Over the years, Indiana has fallen behind many states and localities in the establishment of greenways, blueways and other linear parks. By working closely with interested groups of citizens, local governments and agencies of Indiana state government, the Foundation believes we can catch up with our neighbors.

We see our role as one of helping jumpstart worthy trails and greenways projects by providing the following:

- Help in forming effective local trails organizations
- Building initial community support for trails
- Providing startup grants to help local trails organizations build their capacity and local support
- Acting as a source of trails information and consultation to local Indiana governments
- Promoting best practices in the planning, marketing, design, development and management of linear parks

The History of The Greenways Foundation

The Greenways Foundation formed in 1991 with a vision of an interconnected network of trails serving Central Indiana. For many years the Foundation operated primarily within Indianapolis and Marion County and played a major and ongoing role with the city of Indianapolis in the establishment of the Monon Trail.

As the Monon Trail became an overwhelming success with the citizens of central Indiana, trails were seen as vital and necessary community amenities and interest spread throughout the state. This burgeoning interest led the Foundation to expand its geographic focus in 2006 to encompass all of Indiana.

During the decade and a half of supporting and advocating for greenways, we have built up a broad expertise through our board members and staff in many areas affecting trails and greenways. These areas of expertise include:

- Trail project marketing
- Capacity building for trails-related groups
- Environmental consulting
- Fund-raising
- Government relations
- Trails-related event management
- Trails planning



The History of the Greenways Foundation (continued)

We have made it our practice to work closely with both citizen and governmental units to accomplish the establishment of linear parks in a way that maximizes the resources of funders, be they foundations, individuals or taxpayers.

The Greenways Foundation has become the leading voice for these wonderful public amenities. We have found over the years that our best success for working with possible funders of trails projects is to speak very convincingly about, first and foremost, the economic benefits of trails and greenways to citizens. We know that if we can demonstrate the economic payback of trails that funders, especially local governments, find a way to pay for linear parks.

We Need Your Support

To accomplish our goal of helping Indiana communities, we ask for your support. Won't you join with us today to make linear parks and the economic, recreational, social and health benefits they provide available to Hoosiers throughout the State?

The Greenways Foundation, Inc. is an Indiana nonprofit corporation, classified as a 501(c)(3) public charitable trust under IRS regulations. This means that contributions can be charitable tax deductions to qualified individuals who itemize deductions on their federal income tax return.

The Foundation is not affiliated with the Indianapolis Parks Department or Indy Greenways.

Become A Member

Join with us today to help Indiana catch up to its surrounding states in trails and greenways development.

By becoming a member of The Greenways Foundation you can demonstrate your support of linear parks for the citizens of our state. You can add your voice to trails supporters from Clarksville to Indianapolis to Portage and all points in between.

Individual memberships are only \$25 per year. Lifetime memberships are \$300. For becoming a member you will receive a membership card, a Greenways Foundation lapel pin and t-shirt, and your own copy of our quarterly newsletter. In addition you will receive email updates about significant trails developments. Visit our website today at www.greenwaysfoundation.org to join.



The Greenways Foundation Membership Form

YES! I want to help build trails and greenways in Indiana.

I would like to become an active member of The Greenways Foundation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization/Business | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other amount | \$_____ |

Please make checks payable to The Greenways Foundation. Annual membership includes a welcome package and newsletter subscription.

- I am interested in a corporate partnership, including event, website and newsletter advertising. Please contact me.
- I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.

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