

TRAILS SHOWCASE - CALL FOR ENTRIES

The biennial **Trails & Greenways Conference** is pleased to announce that it is accepting entries for the 4th biennial Trails Showcase Award Program. Since 2014 the Trails Showcase has been recognizing outstanding trail projects as well as creative trail programming and creative community engagement events that promote and activate these facilities. **In addition, new to this year we've added a special tribute called 'Champion of Trails', to recognize individual(s) who demonstrate a long-term personal and/or professional commitment to advancing trail education, advocacy, and/or implementation of trail and bicycle projects or programs throughout Northeast, Ohio*.**

The Trails Showcase has grown into a resource of best practices executed throughout the region. All entries will be included in the conference program and featured at the Trails Showcase Award Ceremony.

ENTRIES AND AWARDS:

All entries will be reviewed and select submittals will be recognized with awards in each of the following three categories - **Projects, Programs & Promotions, and People** (Champion of Trails)* - Entries should demonstrate how they contribute to the region's transportation and recreation network and provide positive health, transportation, economic, social, and/or environmental benefits. Submissions on behalf of government agencies, community groups, non-profit and for-profit organizations are all acceptable. Self-nominations are welcome, and we request only one application per project/initiative.

PROJECTS

Project awards will recognize one or more recent off-road trails, on-road bike lanes, or related facilities either completed within the past seven years or to be completed within approximately one year.

PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

Program and Promotion awards will recognize applicants who create regularly occurring activities or unique events on trails, bike lanes, or other comparable spaces that frequently promote and activate these spaces. This category also includes Pop-Up Projects or demonstrations of potential facilities.

PEOPLE*

This 'Champion of Trails' recognition honors individuals for their regional impact and notable contributions in the advancement and development of trails or bicycle facilities through a history of leadership, funding, policy, advocacy, programming, or other related efforts involving past, present, and future trail projects.

INSTRUCTIONS & SCHEDULE:

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 6:00PM TUESDAY MAY 12th, 2020

See previous winners and examples at www.gctrails.org

1. Download the applicable nomination form from Projects & Programs Showcase page at www.gctrails.org
2. Review the instructions found in the 'NOTES' section of the PowerPoint file
3. Delete and replace the template phrases with your own and insert digital images (800 x 600-pixel resolution)
4. Use the 'NOTES' section to describe and elaborate on the project, its goals, benefits, and potential users
5. Rename the file ("PROJ <ProjectName>" or "PROG <ProgramName>")
6. Upload file [HERE](#) by the deadline outlined above
7. Previously submitted projects/programs which did not receive a special recognition may be resubmitted
8. All selected nominees will be contacted prior to the Conference

*** CHAMPION OF TRAILS NOMINATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED [HERE](#)**