PARTNERSHIP FOR THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS WORKSHOP KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI – MAY 5, 6 & 7, 2006

Purposes and Objectives

The participants who gather at this workshop will:

- 1. Learn how to partner with federal agencies to protect historic trail resources on public land;
- 2. Learn how to partner with land trusts to protect historic trail resources on private land;
- 3. Learn how to track and utilize funding available through various federal agencies to complete projects, programs, and activities for their trails;
- 4. See on-the-ground examples of how these partnerships and funding mechanisms are working to protect and connect historic trail resources with people around the metropolitan Kansas City area and learn how to replicate them in other areas
- 5. Begin to develop plans and strategies for using public and private funding and partners to protect the significant resources along national historic trails



FRIDAY, MAY 5

9:00 AM

Introduction to Workshop, Workshop Goals, & Introductions

- Travis Boley (Oregon-California Trails Association, Independence, MO)
- Ross Marshall (Santa Fe Trail Association, Merriam, KS)
- Gary Werner (Partnership for the National Trails System, Madison, WI)

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Reports from the Trails: Organizations & Federal Agency Staff Key Issues, Challenges, and Aspirations – A Discussion of Common Issues

11:30 AM

Preview and Preparations for the Trail Tour

- Ross Marshall (Santa Fe Trail Association, Merriam, KS)
- John Conoboy (NPS National Trails System Santa Fe, NM)

12:00 Noon

Lunch (provided as part of registration fee)

1:00 - 6:00 PM

Trail Tour – Metropolitan Kansas City (Examples of collaborative partnerships in the development of sites related to the Lewis & Clark, Santa Fe, Oregon and California National Historic Trails)

- Ross Marshall (Santa Fe Trail Association, Merriam, KS)
- John Conoboy (NPS National Trails System, Santa Fe, NM)

6:30 PM

Dinner on your own

SATURDAY, MAY 6:

8:00 AM

Introductions

8:30 – 10:15 AM

Federal Surface Transportation Program for Trails – Christopher Douwes (Washington, DC), Trails and Enhancements Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration (plus Missouri and Kansas State Transportation Enhancement program managers and local project-specific DOT personnel)

- Transportation Planning for Trails
- Transportation Enhancements Funding for Trails
- Recreational Trails Program funding

National Scenic Byways Program - Chel Ethun (Duluth, MN), Byways Resource Specialist at the America's Byways Resource Center (ABRC)

- The role of the ABRC
- Support the ABRC provides to the byways community
- The National Scenic Byways Program and the exploration of ideas for ABRC to work collaboratively with the trails community

10:15 - 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 - Noon

Preservation and Protection of Trail Resources 101, Part I (Examples on Public Lands)

- Establishing base lines for archiving and monitoring archaeological and historical resources Carolynne Merrell (Moscow, ID), non-profit consulting firm Archaeographics; Officer of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (10:30 10:45 AM)
- Oregon-California Trails Association Strategies and Methods Dave Welch (Steilacoom, WA), OCTA National Preservation Officer (10:45 – 11:15 AM)
- Historic Preservation Act aspects of resource protection on public lands Tom Burke (Reno, NV), BLM-Nevada (11:15 11:40 AM)
- Questions & Answers (11:40 AM Noon)

Noon – 1:00 PM

Lunch (provided as part of registration fee)

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Preservation and Protection of Trail Resources 101, Part II (Examples on Private Lands):

How to become a land trust and how land trusts can work with historic trail organizations to protect historic resources on private property

- Christine Thisted (Madison, WI), Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation
- David Beaver (Washington, DC), Senior Realty Specialist, Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program Lead, and Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) Program Lead

3:00 - 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 - 4:15 PM

Session A: *Implementing BLM NSHT Strategy* – Deb Salt (Whitefish, MT) and others

- Organizing work groups to help implement components of the plan

Session B: Community Identity, Economic Development, Health, Intermodal Transportation, Education, and Historic Interpretation Along the Santa Fe, Oregon and California Trail Corridor in South Kansas City – Lou Austin, Three Trails, Inc. (Kansas City, MO) [Part II of the Friday afternoon driving tour]

4:15 - 4:30 PM

Break

4:30 - 5:30 PM

National Trails in the World of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Nathan Caldwell (Washington, DC) and others

- Trails within wildlife refuges
- How programs for private landowners can work with/for trails

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions:

Tracking Federal Trail Money through the Managing Agencies (BLM, NPS, USFS)

The development of the Interagency Database using GPS and GIS – Kay Threlkeld (NPS National Trails System, Torrington, WY)

6:30 PM

Dinner on your own

SUNDAY, MAY 7:

8:30 - 9:45 AM

Preservation and Protection of Trail Resources 102

- Developing a vision and strategy for your trail (federal partners and trail associations)
- Developing annual work and strategic plans (federal partners and trail associations)
- Implement work plans and strategies by working together

9:45 - 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 – 11:15 AM

Roundtable Discussions -- how to use:

- the Federal Surface Transportation Program
- BLM's NSHT Strategy
- NPS Challenge Cost-Share Program
- USF&WS tools to preserve trail resources
- Land Trust practices

to address trail organization issues and goals and implement trail resource protection plans;

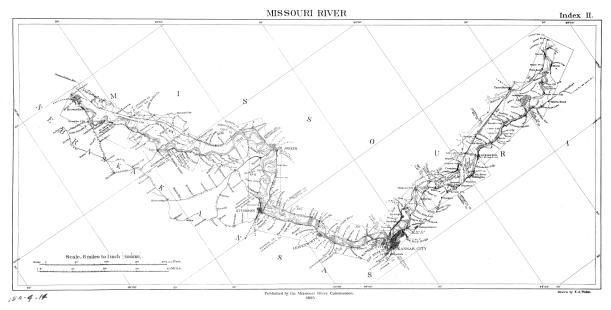
11:15 AM – Noon

Taking the Workshop Back Home

- How to share the benefits of the workshop with organization leaders
- What projects should we work on together?
- What should the Partnership do to help?
- What should the next workshop address?
- Evaluation

Noon

Departure



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