

# **B** **Exhibit 4 – Non-Profit / Foundation Case Studies**

## **Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) Association in Lake Tahoe, CA & NV**

Established in 1981, the TRT Association is a volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was formed for the purpose of planning, constructing and maintaining the Tahoe Rim Trail. The group's mission is to build, promote and maintain a rim trail system providing access to the beauty of the Lake Tahoe Region. Currently, the trail is a 150-mile long, 24-inch wide, single-track trail that is open to hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. The trail encompasses the ridge tops of the Lake Tahoe Basin and includes two states and six different counties. Additionally, the TRT overlaps with roughly 50 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

For the past 20 years, the main focus of the group has been the successful completion of the loop trail. Now, TRT Association is moving away from trail building to focus their efforts on trail maintenance and advocacy. According to Boardmember, Jennifer Hogler, the "Tahoe Rim Trail is nationally recognized as an award-winning example of cooperation between government agencies and the private sector."

*For more information visit:* <http://www.tahoerimtrail.org>

## **Mountain Trails Foundation in Park City, UT**

Serving Park City and Summit, Wasatch, and Morgan Counties in Utah, the Mountain Trails Foundation's mission is working to ensure non-motorized multiple-use access to a variety of trails throughout this region and beyond. The Foundation is dedicated to working with volunteers to secure continued access to existing trails in the region and to build new trails to serve both recreation and transportation needs.

They work with federal, state, and local government and with private property owners to achieve important trail connections, and to preserve access into and through new development. The Foundation is also involved with a trail user education and etiquette program to avoid trail conflicts. They also sponsor an adopt-a-trail program that allows individuals or business entities a chance to

adopt significant or entire lengths of trails and provide signs and maintenance for those trails.

*For more information visit:* <http://www.mountaintrails.org>

### **Colorado Trail Foundation, CO**

The Colorado Trail Foundation is a non-profit organization that maintains the Colorado Trail, which stretches 500 miles of the state's mountainsides from Denver to Durango. The Colorado Trail crosses eight mountain ranges, seven national forests, six wilderness areas and five river systems. Public agencies and private sector representatives govern the Foundation. The Colorado Trail Foundation recruits and trains volunteers for trail construction, coordinates the Adopt-A-Trail maintenance program, and distributes information on Colorado Trail activities, trail crews, and publications.

The Colorado Trail Foundation is funded by contributions from the Friends of the Colorado Trail and by proceeds from the sale of materials. They have an extensive volunteer program in which thousands of volunteers come from every state and even other countries to work on building trails, improving and restoring existing trails, and providing signage and information on the trail.

*For more information visit:* <http://www.coloradotrail.org>

### **Friends of Webster Trails, NY**

The mission of this volunteer non-profit group is to manage and promote the Hojack Trail, Vosburg Hollow Wild Area and other trails and linear parks in partnership with the Town of Webster near Rochester, New York for educational and recreational purposes. The group is involved with membership recruitment and fundraising for the town's trail systems. The group works in concert with Webster's Parks and Recreation Department, Highway Department and other public agencies. The group has undertaken signage and maintenance duties on the trails and is involved in acquiring more public land to extend current and build new trails for Webster.

*For more information visit:* <http://www.ggw.org/webstertrails>

### **PATH Foundation in Atlanta, GA**

PATH was started several years ago by three Atlanta citizens who were tired of having to bicycle and jog in the streets. The group worked with other individuals, corporations, and foundations to build over 20 miles of greenway trails in the metropolitan Atlanta area and plan to build over 60 more miles that will link neighborhoods and business centers with public transportation.

PATH has formed partnerships with several local governments as well as local volunteer and advocacy groups to build greenway trails. PATH provides the staff and expertise to plan, design, build and maintain trail projects. In some cases, PATH will even provide matching funds to finance the development of trails. Local government provides access to state and federal funding as well as in-kind services during trail development. PATH and local governments work together to develop linking trail projects to give everyone access to the trail system. Funding for PATH comes from individual donations and corporate sponsorship.

Maintenance for some PATH trails is encouraged through a volunteer adoption program. Through their Adopt-A-Trail program, “adoptive parents” are asked to adopt their section for at least one year. Duties include, but are not necessarily limited to frequent rides/walks on the trail to identify any needs, trimming around signs after mowing, graffiti removal, and elective beautification such as plantings, bird houses, yard art, etc. In return, PATH erects a sign on the adopted segment identifying the adoptive parents.

*For more information visit:* <http://www.pathfoundation.org>