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Introducing NARRP

The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP) has been working hard on the behalf of outdoor recreation professionals and others interested in recreation resource planning since 1981. It is a unique nationwide organization which helps us to see across the recreation resource planning profession.

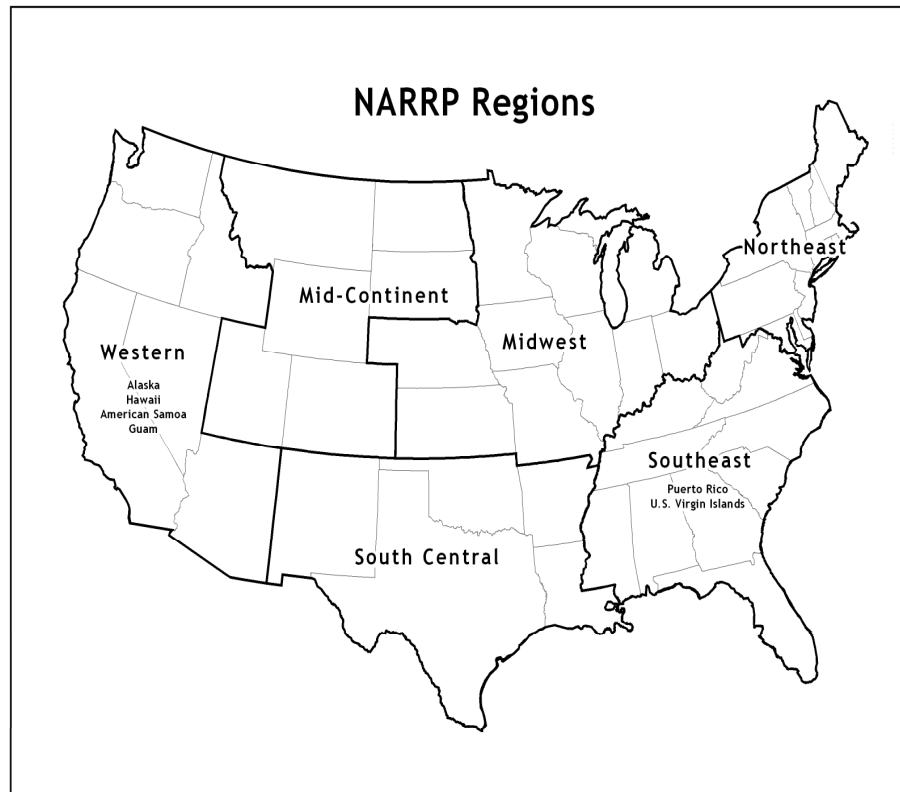
There are members from most every state representing local, state, and federal agencies, private planning firms and consultants, academics, and special interest groups. While NARRP provides numerous benefits and services to its members, it is best recognized for its annual national recreation planning conference — now in its 27th year! It is the premier annual conference that focuses on the topic of recreation planning.

We hope you will take some time to learn more about NARRP and to get involved.

For more information about NARRP, turn to Tab 4 in your Conference Notebook.

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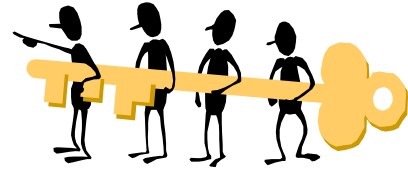
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Conference Support

Local Conference Hosts

- City of Austin Parks & Recreation
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department



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- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- National Association of State Park Directors
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- U.S. Forest Service



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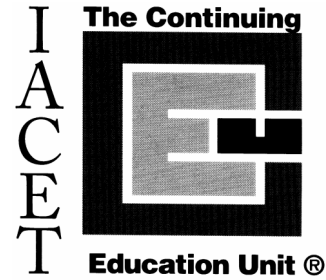
- City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Travis County Parks



Continuing Education

Continuing Education Credits available through:
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture
Stephen F. Austin State University
Nacogdoches, Texas

We are pleased to announce that Continuing Education Units will be available for some of the sessions through Stephen F. Austin State University, an authorized provider with the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET).



Interested participants should obtain a Continuing Education Unit Program Request Form at the conference registration desk and follow the instructions. Those presentations providing continuing education credits include:

- The Arizona Trail (.1 CEU)
- Landscape Scale Planning (.1 CEU)
- Antelope Valley Association Project (.1 CEU)
- Creating a Cross County Trail (.1 CEU)
- What National Wildlife Refuge Managers Think (.1 CEU)
- Continental Divide Trail (.1 CEU)
- Planning a Multi-Use Recreation and Transit Destination (.1 CEU)
- East Coast Greenway (.1 CEU)
- Delaware State Parks (.1 CEU)
- Making Connections with National Scenic Byways (.1 CEU)
- Jefferson County Parks and Open Space (.1 CEU)
- The Spring Mountain National Recreation Area (.1 CEU)
- Tomorrow's Trails: Education for Trails and Greenways (.1 CEU)
- Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway (.1 CEU)
- The James River Park System (.1 CEU)
- Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines (.1 CEU)
- National Outdoor Recreation Data Sources (.1 CEU)
- Streamlining Connections: Planning for the Tuolumne WSR (.1 CEU)
- Getting Mileage from Water Trails (.2 CEU)
- The Future of Recreation Planning (.15 CEU)



Conference Info

Area Information

Tab 3 of your Conference Notebook contains information and maps about self-guided tours and other points of interest near downtown Austin. It also contains information about local dining options near the conference hotel. We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some of the eclectic experiences Austin has to offer during your visit.

Resource Exchange

We hope you brought along printed resources that may be useful to other attendees. Please use the Resource Exchange Table to share reports, handouts, materials, and information brochures that you have developed or discovered. Items will be displayed on tables near the registration area throughout the conference.

Conference Field Workshops

Tab 2 of your Conference Notebook contains information on the Tuesday afternoon Field Workshops as well as the All-Conference Field Workshop on Wednesday.

Auction Information

Back by popular demand...don't miss both the silent and live auctions this year.

The **Silent Auction** will be open all day Monday and Tuesday until noon. All tables will close at 12:00n sharp on Tuesday so have your bids in by that time. You can pay for and pick up your items that evening from 4:00pm to 6:30pm at the Registration Desk.

The **Live Auction** will be held Wednesday evening following the banquet at Scholz Bier Garten.

All proceeds go to the NARRP Student Scholarship Fund.

Hospitality Suite

Please join us Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings in the NARRP Hospitality Suite in the Radisson Hotel. You bring the stories, we'll provide the beverages and snacks. The Hospitality Suite room number will be available at the registration desk.

We Want Your Feedback!

Your opinions and comments about this conference are very important to us as we work to improve future conferences. Please take a few minutes to complete the conference evaluation form so we can pass on your ideas to next year's Conference planners. The Conference Evaluation Form can be found in the front pocket of your notebook.

Who is Here?

A list of Conference Participants is located in Tab 5 of your notebook. Check out this list to see who all is here!



Program at a Glance

Sunday, May 6th

- Afternoon 1:00-7:00p - Registration Desk Open
- 1:00-5:00p - Self-Guided Pre-Conference Austin Tours
- Evening 6:00-7:00p - New NARRP Member Welcome and Orientation
- 7:00-8:00p - Speaker Welcome and Orientation
- 8:00p - Hospitality Suite Open

Monday, May 7th

- Morning 7:30a-5:00p - Registration Desk Open
- 8:30-9:00a - Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00-10:00a - Keynote Speaker: Mr. Andrew Sansom, Texas River Systems Institute
- 10:00-10:30a - Break with Refreshments
- 10:30-11:30a - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ray Perryman, The Perryman Group
- Noon 12:00n-1:30p - Buffet Luncheon
- Afternoon 1:30-2:30p - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
- 2:30-2:45p - Break
- 2:45-3:45p - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
- 3:45-4:00p - Break
- 4:00-5:00p - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
- 5:00p - Special Updates and Exhibitor Greetings
- Evening 5:30p-7:00p - Opening Reception (Snacks/Cash Bar in T.G.I. Friday's)
- Dinner On Your Own
- 8:00p - Hospitality Suite open

Tuesday, May 8th

Morning	7:30a-5:00p - Registration Desk Open
	8:00-9:00a - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
	9:00-9:15a - Break
	9:15-10:15a - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
	10:15-10:30a - Break
	10:30-11:30a - Concurrent Sessions (Austin I, II, and III)
Noon	12:00n Sharp! - Silent Auction Closes
	12:00n-1:30p - Luncheon and Featured Speaker/Performer: Jane Leche
Afternoon	1:30-5:30p - Concurrent Field Workshops (pre-registration required)
Evening	4:00-6:30p - Pick-up and Payment for Auction Items
	5:30-7:30p - Dinner On Your Own
	7:30-9:00p - Special Evening Program: <i>Getting Mileage from Water Trails</i>
	8:30p - Hospitality Suite Open

Wednesday, May 9th

Morning	7:30-8:30a - Hosted Continental Breakfast and NARRP Presentation
	8:30-10:00a - General Panel Session: The Future of Recreation Planning
	10:00-10:15a - Break
	10:15-11:00a - Introduction to the San Marcos River and Springs
Afternoon	11:00a-5:00p - All-Conference Field Workshop: The Texas Rivers Center and Rio Vista Falls Project (box lunch provided)
Evening	6:00-10:00p - Conference Banquet, Awards, Music, and Live Auction at Scholz Bier Garten

Thursday, May 10th

Morning	8:00-10:00a - NARRP Board Meeting (LBJ Room)
	8:00-5:00p - LWCF Meeting (Old Pecan Street Room)



Full Program

Sunday, May 6, 2007

1:00 - 7:00p **Registration Desk Open**

1:00 - 5:00p **Self-Guided Tours of Austin**

Below is a list of suggested points of interest near the conference hotel. See Tab 2 in your notebook for full descriptions. Additional information will be available at the registration desk. Come early and enjoy!

- State Capitol Tours
- Bullock Texas History Museum
- LBJ Library and Museums
- Harry Ransom Gallery (American 20's Special Exhibit)
- Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail (walk, run, boat)
- Austin's famous 6th Street music
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Research Center

See Tab 3 in your notebook for area information and tour ideas.

Evening **Dinner On Your Own**

6:00p **New NARRP Member Welcome and Orientation**

7:00p **Speaker Welcome and Orientation**

8:00p **Hospitality Suite Open**

Monday, May 7, 2007

7:00- 8:30a **Breakfast**

7:30a-5:00p **Registration Desk Open**

8:30 - 9:00a **Welcome & Introductions**

- Brenda Adams-Weyant, NARRP President
- Will Wynn, The Honorable Mayor, City of Austin
- Warren Struss, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- Kirk Cowan, Senior Manager, Lower Colorado River Authority

- 9:00-10:00a **Keynote Address: Water and its Role in Recreation Resource Planning and Conservation.**
Speaker: Andrew Sansom, Executive Director, Texas River Systems Institute
 Mr. Sansom's address will reveal his enthusiasm for the importance of water and its crucial roles in recreation, parks and conservation, particularly as it relates to the ever-increasing demands for other human uses. Andy will share his compassion for our profession and leave us with an increased sense of commitment to recreation resource planning and conservation.
- 10:00-10:30a **Break with Refreshments**
- 10:30-11:30a **Keynote Address: Economic Value of Parks and Open Space**
Speaker: Dr. Ray Perryman, Executive Director, The Perryman Group
 In his keynote presentation, Dr. Ray Perryman will address the importance of local parks to quality of life and the Texas economy. He will discuss the benefit of local parks to cities across the state and the role parks play as sources of tax revenues. Dr. Perryman will also discuss the value of local parks programs to area economic development endeavors. He will conclude with an explanation of how every county and metropolitan area in the Lone Star State benefits from the presence of local parks, and why expenditures to support them represent a good investment of tax dollars.
- 11:30a **Conference Announcements**
- 12:00n - 1:30p **Buffet Luncheon**
- 1:30 - 2:30p **Concurrent Sessions**
- Austin I: The Arizona Trail**
Speakers: Joe Winfield, National Park Service RTCA and Larry Snead, Project Manager, Arizona Trails Association
 This session will cover a 20-year, 807 mile odyssey of one man's vision for a non-motorized multi-use trail stretching across Arizona from Mexico to Utah, and the hundreds of people and strategies helping to make that vision a reality. Key points will include the power of passionately persistent organized people, the lessons of lobbying legislative leaders, the value of a vibrant vision, a testament to training volunteers, and finding funds.
- Austin II: Landscape Scale Planning for Visitor Use and Natural Resource Protection**
Speakers: Dr. Emilyn Sheffield, California State University, Chico, CA; Sharon Farrell and Kate Bickert, Project Managers, Golden Gate National Park Conservancy
 It may seem counter-intuitive to combine habitat restoration and trail enhancement if you are operating on a tight timeline—but not so...if your goal is a world class trail system. Learn how landscape-scale planning can yield timely and sustainable results, reduce conflict, and encourage community stewardship.

Austin III: Joint Antelope Valley Association Project, Lincoln, Nebraska
Speaker: Glenn Johnson, General Manager, Lower Platte South Natural Resource District, NE

Lincoln Nebraska is undergoing the largest public works project in its history-- the \$238 million Antelope Valley Project. The Project integrates flood control, transportation improvements and community revitalization in a 600-block area in the heart of the city and adjacent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Mr. Johnson will describe how a two-mile recreation trail will become a connecting hub for six trails in the 100-plus mile community trail network.

2:30 - 2:45p **Break**

2:45 - 3:45p **Concurrent Sessions**

Austin I: Creating a Cross-County Trail - The Good, the Bad and the...Lucky
Speaker: Jenny Pate, Trail Coordinator, Fairfax County Park Authority, VA

Fairfax County, Virginia, a suburban county of Washington, D.C. with a population of over one million people, has an extensive network of trails. In 1997 a group of citizens, led by one determined man, decided that the thing missing from that network was a recreational trail - an "Appalachian Trail-like experience" - stretching across the county from the south along the shores of the Occoquan River to the north shores of the Potomac. The story of the creation of that trail encompasses a period of more than 7 years, millions of dollars, and thousands of hours of volunteer and staff time.

Austin II: What National Wildlife Refuge Managers Think of their Plans

Speaker: Dr. John Schomaker, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

All National Wildlife Refuges must have a Comprehensive Conservation Plan. A survey of refuge managers with completed plans revealed their critique of the plans. Descriptive statistics portray the manager's evaluations about the usefulness of the plans. Recommendations, are included for consideration in future planning. At the conclusion of this presentation audience members will be able to: (a) outline the content of national wildlife refuge comprehensive conservation plans, (b) identify three uses of plans valued by managers, and (c) appreciate the value of criticism of plans by their users.

Austin III: Continental Divide Trail

Speakers: Marcia deChadenedes, BLM National Liaison, Santa Fe, NM; Deidre St. Louis, Region 3, U.S. Forest Service, Trails Representative.

The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail was added to the National Scenic and Historic Trails System in 1978. When complete, the trail will traverse 3,100 miles of the backbone of the U.S., from Canada to Mexico. In 2006 the NPS, FS, and BLM, working together with their nonprofit partner the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, and NM State Parks, the NM State Land Office, Catron County Commissioners, and the Tribe of Acoma, created a momentum that has moved the project well toward completion. In addition, the relationship has drawn the support and participation of the region's Congressman.

3:45 - 4:00p **Break**

4:00 - 5:00p

Concurrent Sessions

Austin I: Laughlin Regional Heritage Greenway

**Speakers: Bill Martin, Regional Recreation Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation, NV;
Deborah Murray, Community Development, Clark County, NV**

Clark County, Nevada, and the Bureau of Reclamation are working together to develop an expanded greenbelt and trail along the Colorado River as part of a new County Regional Park and community trails plan. The long term plan is a trail from Katherine Landing on Lake Mohave to the AVI resort at the lower end of the community and the State line. The current plan, now funded at \$32 million dollars, is to develop a trail from Davis Dam for 1.6 miles and connect to the existing River Walk in front of the casinos. The trail would include a day use area, improved finishing access, restrooms, and trail heads.

Austin II: Planning a Multi-Use Recreation and Transit Destination in a Linear Urban Corridor

Speakers: Chad Schneckenburger and Jeremy Call, EDAW, Fort Collins, CO

For over 50 years, the 12-mile Union Pacific Railroad BMI Branch has traversed the City of Henderson supporting a vibrant industrial base. Faced with land constraints and increased demands for alternative transportation and recreational facilities, the City retained EDAW to develop a comprehensive Master Plan for converting the active railway corridor into a regionally-significant multi-use greenway destination with the potential for transit, while continuing current rail freight uses.

Austin III: East Coast Greenway: From Maine to Florida

Speaker: Karen Votava, Executive Director, East Coast Greenway Association

The East Coast Greenway is an urban trail system connecting the eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida. Linking together local trails forms a continuous route of consistent quality, owned and managed by towns and cities, counties and states. The objective is to create a travel route for tourism in this region rich in history, culture and natural resources. The project is 16 years old, and is being spearheaded by the East Coast Greenway Alliance, a non-profit based in Wakefield, RI. Karen will discuss the vision, history, and current status of this trail system.

5:00-5:30p

Special Sessions

Austin I: Special Update: The OPM Recreation Planning Job Series

Speaker: Bill Woodland, USFS

Austin III: Special Update: The Land and Water Conservation Fund

Speaker: Michael Wilson, NPS

Registration Hallway: Meet and Greet Conference Exhibitors

5:30-7:00p

Opening Reception (snacks and cash bar)

T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, Radisson Hotel

Evening

Dinner On Your Own

8:00p

Hospitality Suite Open

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

7:30a-5:00p **Registration Desk Open**

8:00-9:00a **Concurrent Sessions**

Austin I: Delaware State Parks—Sustainable Trails from Start to Finish

Speaker: David Bartoo, Planner, Delaware State Parks

This session will guide attendees through the process of planning and construction of a sustainable crushed stone trail by Delaware State Parks. David will share experiences in both trail planning and construction for a five mile shared use trail, share knowledge of what worked well and what did not, and share global and regional sustainable trail planning principles.

Austin II: Come Closer: Making Connections with National Scenic Byways

**Speakers: Bonnie Hundrieser, America's Byways Resource Center, Duluth, MN;
Robert Haynes, Old Canada Road Scenic Byway, Inc; Christina
Lilienthal, Byway Leader, Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway, OR**

The National Scenic Byways Program recognizes roads, known collectively as "America's Byways", for their outstanding scenic, natural, recreational, historical, archeological and cultural qualities. Join us for a "coast to coast" highlight of success from the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway in Oregon to the Old Canada Road Scenic Byway in Maine. We will share how these byway organizations identified goals and implemented strategic plans to connect people to trails and rivers, and how their efforts have enhanced the byway traveler's experience, supported the intrinsic qualities of their route and built strong working partnerships.

Austin III: Jefferson County Parks and Open Space, CO

**Speakers: Amy Ito, Kim Frederick and B.J. Ellison, Jefferson County Parks and
Open Space, CO**

The Jefferson County Open Space Program is a 30+ year story. The speakers will share highlights of the Open Space Program through lessons learned. They will explore the tensions inherent in delivery of Open Space across the county with a gradation of constituencies, from urban/incorporated areas to suburban, rural unincorporated and mountainous areas. They will share details related to involving youth, making trail connections, creating park management plans, working with businesses and utilities to capitalize on trail linkages, addressing dog off-leash issues, and more.

9:00-9:15a **Break**

9:15-10:15a

Concurrent Sessions

Austin I: The Spring Mountain National Recreation Area Landscape Assessment Process

Speakers: John Baas, Michael Brandman Associates; Lori Headrick, Entrix, Inc.; Scott Lamoreaux, U.S. Forest Service.

The Spring Mountain National Recreation Area is managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and is located within a 40-minute drive of Las Vegas. The NRA is a major recreational resource within the southern Nevada region, which has experienced rapid population growth during the last decade. The Forest Service faces dual challenges of needing to accommodate current and projected recreation demand, while conserving habitat for numerous species, some of which are endemic to the NRA. This presentation describes the unique challenges with completing a landscape analysis process for the NRR, and ways of responding to those challenges.

Austin II: Tomorrow's Trails: Education for Trails and Greenways

Speakers: Stuart McDonald, American Trails; David Bartoo, Delaware State Parks; Kim Frederick, Jefferson County Open Space, Colorado.

With the increasing need for skilled staff and volunteers, states, agencies, and organizations are working to make trail-related training more available. The National Trails Training Partnership promotes cooperation on educational efforts and sponsors a comprehensive nationwide online training calendar and hundreds of technical assistance resources at www.NTTP.net. Learn what some of the states are doing to improve skills and build better trails. We'll discuss the Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative and Delaware's trails and greenways program and give participants a chance to share their ideas on trail training and education.

Austin III: Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway Canal, PA

Speaker: Laura Hawkins, Allegheny Ridge Corporation

This workshop will focus on the efforts of the Allegheny Ridge Corporation to implement heritage interpretation, outdoor recreation and conservation projects associated with the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway, which encompasses portions of 6 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. The area is rich with opportunities for hiking and biking, natural area study, exploration of historically and culturally significant sites, boating and fishing, horseback riding, driving tours, and many other activities.

10:30-11:30a

Concurrent Sessions

Austin I: James River Park System: A Model for Urban Greenways in America

Speaker: Dr. Keith Ready, Virginia Commonwealth University

Keith will focus is on the James River Park System which affords access to some of the nation's most outstanding historical and natural resources. Emphasis is on how 23 miles of interconnected urban trails were developed and expanded. Features include class 5 rapids, nationally recognized mountain bike trails, and the XTTERA GAMES.

10:30-11:30a
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Austin II: Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines

Speakers: Brian McCann, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Jeff Schoenbauer, Vice President, Brauer and Associates, MN.

The session will present the recently completed Minnesota Department of Natural Resources *Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines*. The authors will trace how and why the guidelines were developed and the publication's content and organization.

Austin III: National Outdoor Recreation Data Sources: Let the Buyer Beware

Speakers: Dr. Michael Schuett and Jenny Lu, Texas A&M University; Dr. Rod Warnick, University of Massachusetts

The growth in outdoor recreation participation makes it increasingly important to use accurate data to guide planning, management, and business decisions. Numerous secondary data sets exist for practitioners, academics, businesses, and public agencies to use. However, several questions arise as people seek to interpret and use these data to make decisions. How do managers choose their research data? Which source is the most accurate? This presentation will examine and contrast several national outdoor recreation data sets.

Austin III (session continued): Streamlining Connections: Planning for the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River in Yosemite National Park

Speaker: Kristina Rylands, Recreation Planner, Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park has long been a lightning rod for conservation and controversy. Caring for a wild and scenic river in a national park adds additional layers of complexity that require creating strong connections. This presentation details the ways in which a lessons-learned approach to river planning is taking hold in Yosemite—while creating stronger river management plans.

11:30a-12:00n

Preparation for Field Trips

12:00n Sharp!

Silent Auction Closes

12:00n-1:30p

Hosted Luncheon: Making Connections for a Song: Using the Power of Music to Connect People and Projects on Public Lands

Speaker/Performer: Jane Leche, U.S. Forest Service, Colorado, and performing member of the USFS Fiddling Foresters

Jane will share a unique way the Forest Service is attracting public attention and support for historic restoration projects on national forests in Colorado. The region's Heritage staff uses music concerts - designed to draw in local communities and recruit volunteers and partners - to connect the public with high country ranch preservation projects.

1:30p

Field Workshops

Concurrent Field Workshops will cover a variety of landscapes and terrains in the central Texas area. All trips require that participants be prepared by wearing appropriate clothing and shoes for hiking. It is recommended that hats and/or sun-screen be used to protect against the bright Texas sun. Expect warm temperatures. Drinking water will be provided. *Vans leave promptly at 1:30p!*

Field Workshops (continued)

1. Town Lake Trail Hike

Time: 1:30p to 4:00p

Degree of Physical Activity: The tour will be an easy hike over mostly level terrain in an urban environment. The trip is accessible for all users.

2. San Gabriel River to Lake Georgetown Trails

Time: 1:30p to 5:00p

Degree of Physical Activity: The tour will be mostly easy hiking over level ground. The trip is accessible for all users.

3. Cypress Creek, Jacob's Well, and Blue Hole - Protecting Unique Resources

Time: 1:30p to 6:00p

Degree of Physical Activity: This trip will have mostly easy hiking on level ground for approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Only one of the three sites will be accessible for all users.

4. McKinney Roughs Nature Park

Time: 1:30p to 5:00p

Degree of Physical Activity: There will be a hike of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile over mostly level terrain that was designed to be fully accessible.

5. Reimers Ranch: A New Park on the Pedernales River

Time: 1:30 to 5:00p

Degree of Physical Activity: The tour will include a moderately challenging 1.5 to 2 mile hike that is suitable for those with intermediate hiking ability. The terrain is not fully accessible.

4:00p-6:30p

Pick-up and Payment for Silent Auction Items

Evening

Dinner On Your Own

7:30-9:00p

Special Evening Program: Getting Mileage from Water Trails: The Northern Forest Canoe Trail and the Northwest Discovery Water Trail

Presenters: Kate Williams, Executive Director, Northern Forest Canoe Trail; Reed Waite, Executive Director, Washington Water Trails Association; Joe Sobinovsky, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; Patti Williams, Portland District, Army Corps of Engineers.

This is a very special session! Enjoy a visual journey of two famous water trails. The Northern Forest Canoe Trail is a 740-mile water trail traversing four New England states and one Canadian Province. The Northwest Discovery Water trail is a 367-mile water trail which involves three Northwestern states, 3 rivers, and 36 partners. Learn about these two very different trail systems and examine their guiding principles for water trail management. You'll definitely want to take notes...but you'll also get to sit back and enjoy some beautiful images of two of the country's premier water trails.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

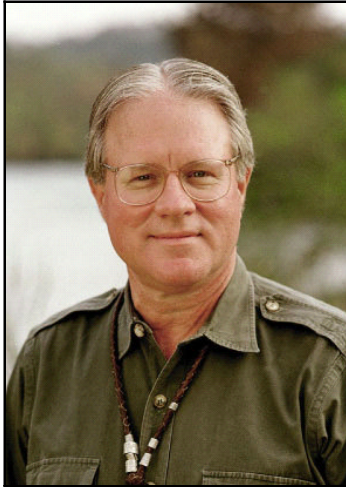
- 7:00-8:30a **Continental Breakfast and NARRP Presentation: The State of the Association**
Facilitator: Brenda Adams-Weyant, NARRP President
- 8:30-10:00a **General Session: The Future of Recreation Planning**
Facilitator: Glenn Haas, Colorado State University
Panelists:
- Jim Eychaner, Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
 - Howard Gregg, Metro Miami-Dade County Parks, Florida
 - Robert Reinhardt, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
 - Floyd Thompson, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.
- A distinguished panel of recreation professionals from across the United States will share their thoughts on the future of recreation planning. Their charge has been to look out 10-20 years to consider two aspects of the future: (a) where are we heading with recreation planning, and (b) where should we be going.
- 10:00-10:15a **Break**
- 10:15-11:00a **General Session: Introduction to the San Marcos River and Springs**
Presenter: Ron Coley, Director, Aquarena Center
- Ron will introduce conference attendees to the Texas Rivers Center at Aquarena, the destination for the All-Conference Field Workshop. The Center is located approximately 30 miles south of Austin in San Marcos, and is part of the Texas State University River Systems Institute. The presentation will touch on the long history of human habitation in the area, the beauty of the San Marcos River and area, and the programs and projects of the Rivers Center.
- 11:00a-5:00p **All-Conference Field Workshop** (with Box Lunch)
Texas River Center and Rio Vista Falls Project—San Marcos
- See Tab 2 in Conference Notebook for description of Field Workshop.**
- Notice:** Float trip participants should be prepared to get wet and should bring appropriate clothing, towels, and sunscreen. There will be a *very brief* opportunity to change clothes at the end of the trip.
- 6:00-10:00p **Conference Banquet, Awards, and Live Auction**
Historic 1866 Scholz Bier Garten - Cash Bar, Buffet Dinner, Live Music by the Warren Hood Band, Awards Program, and Live Auction. (Casual Attire)

Thursday, May 10, 2007

- 8:00-10:00a **LBJ Room** - NARRP Board Meeting
Old Pecan Street Room - LWCF Meeting

Keynote Bio

Andrew Sansom



Mr. Sansom is one of Texas' leading conservationists. He is a former executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), executive director of the Texas Nature Conservancy and founder of The Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas. For his commitment to the management and protection of natural resources, Mr. Sansom also is a past recipient of the Chevron Conservation Award, The Chuck Yeager Award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Pugsley Medal from the National Park Foundation, and the Seton Award from the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. He is a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University and Austin College.

After graduating from Texas Tech *cum laude* in 1969 with a degree in parks and recreation administration, he joined the staff of the National Recreation and Parks Association in Washington, D.C. as executive secretary of the Association's student branch. In the fall of 1970, he attended the White House Conference on Youth in Estes Park, CO, a meeting that led to his being named a special assistant to Secretary Roger Morton.

After working on conservation projects in the private sector for several years, Andy served as executive director of Texas Nature Conservancy from 1982-1987. During that time, the Nature Conservancy was responsible for protecting 300,000 acres of ecologically important lands in Texas.

Mr. Sansom joined TPWD in 1987 as the agency's coordinator of land acquisition and management. In that role, he spearheaded the acquisition of Big Bend Ranch State Park, which at almost 300,000 acres, comprised about half the acreage of the total state park system. In 1990, Sansom was appointed TPWD's executive director and remained in that position for the next 11 years.

Mr. Sansom had long recognized that the most critical conservation issues in Texas revolved around access to and use of water. The major Texas rivers could no longer support both the exponential growth in demand for water created by the state's growing urban population; the pressures for water from agricultural interests; and the needs of wildlife and habitat. During his career, has acquired a deep understanding of the issues involved and so when he retired from TPWD in 2001, he established and now heads the River Systems Institute at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, whose mission is to address Texas' water problems.

Keynote Bio

Dr. Ray Perryman



Dr. Ray Perryman is President and CEO of The Perryman Group, an economic research and financial analysis firm based in Waco, Texas. A graduate of both Baylor and Rice Universities, he has received hundreds of prestigious awards from around the world in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions to a variety of business, legislative, and government entities. Recently, he was nominated for the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics.

A former member of the faculty at Baylor and SMU, Dr. Perryman currently serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Germany.

A prolific author, he has produced several books, over 350 academic papers, and more than 1,800 trade articles. He also writes a syndicated newspaper column, hosts a daily radio commentary, and appears regularly on National Public Radio. In addition, Dr. Perryman publishes a subscription forecast service and two monthly newsletters, all while directing his firm's broad range of complex projects for major corporate and governmental interests.

Dr. Perryman's work in the field of economic development has played a key role in the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs. *Texas Monthly* has called him the "most quoted man in Texas," and the Texas Legislature has cited him for his "tireless efforts in helping to build a better Texas."



Speaker Bios

John Baas is a senior environmental planner for Michael Brandman Associates in California. John has a MS and PhD in recreation resource planning and management from Colorado State University and Oregon State University, respectively. He has spent most of his career as a private consultant focusing on recreation planning, environmental assessments, and recreation survey research.

David Bartoo works for the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation as the administrator for the Recreational Trail Program, trail specialist, and trail planner with a focus on shared use single track trails. In addition, David serves as the Delaware American Discovery Trail State Coordinator, the state representative for the International Mountain Bicycling Association, and is a member of the State Trail Administrators Association. He has an associate degree in Forestry from Paul Smith's College, BS in geology from SUNY, and a MS in environmental studies from Antioch Graduate School.

Kate Bickert works for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and has more than 12 years experience working in the field of public access and trails planning and management. She currently directs the Parks Conservancy's Trails Forever initiative, which assists partner agencies with funding, project design and construction, and community engagement and outreach programs for the Park's 150-mile trail network.

Jeremy Call is a Registered Landscape Architect and planner with extensive experience in community planning, facilitation, and geographic information systems. He has been responsible for performing major recreational, environmental, interpretive, and land use studies in both private and academic research.

Ron Coley is Director of the Texas Rivers Center at Aquarena. The Center is part of the Texas State University system and is located in San Marcos, Texas. During his tenure at the Aquarena Center, he has hosted over 500,000 students and guests. Mr Coley is also on the Board of Directors of the Texas Nature Tourism Association, is an active member of the Texas Travel Industry Association, and was a founding member of the Texas Film and Television Professionals Association. He holds a B.S. from University of Tulsa and received the prestigious Our World Underwater Scholarship..

Marcia deChadenèdes is a BLM recreation planner known for managing partnerships to sustain and enhance public resources. Marcia was on the team that generated the 2006 BLM National Scenic and Historic Trails Strategy and Work Plan and is now a team member on the Federal Interagency Trail Council effort to pursue joint training among agencies and organizations. While Associate Director of El Camino Real International Heritage Center she won the 2005 BLM Gold Medal in Environmental Education and Interpretation for the innovative partnerships developed in the creation of exhibits and education programming. A professional in the field of creative education and interpretation for the last 16 years, Marcia holds a MA in Arts Administration from the University of Oregon, a BFA from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, and a BS in Political Science from Colorado State University.

B.J. Ellison has worked with Jefferson County Open Space since 1976. He is currently Project Planner and manages capital improvement projects and leads Park Management Plan teams. This includes working closely with staff, other county departments, consultants, contractors and the general public coordinating all aspects of park development and management. Mr. Ellison has a Master of Planning and Community Design from the University of Colorado at Denver and a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Jim Eychaner is been a planner for the State of Washington. His previous experience includes private industry, vocational education, and non-profit assignments from sales and technical writing, to executive director. A past president of NARRP, Jim enjoys travel, bicycling, and ballet.

Sharon Farrell is the Natural Resources Project Manager for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Sharon has more than 15 years of experience working as plant ecologist and natural resources planner/project manager. She currently develops and implements landscape-level restoration projects, provides leadership for several wildlife conservation management strategies and provides technical guidance for the Park's threatened and endangered species restoration and vegetation management program.

Kim Frederick is the Trail Maintenance and Construction Supervisor with Jefferson County Open Space. His responsibilities include, managing 200 miles of multi-use non-motorized trails that receive an estimated 1.5 million visitors per year and implementation of a program that employs over 100 youth every summer to build and maintain trails. Kim is also board chairperson for the Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative. He has delivered presentations and conducted workshops on trails and trail related topics throughout the United States, Italy, Mexico and Lebanon.

Howard Gregg is the Assistant Director for Planning and Development with the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department. He has more than thirty-five (35) years in the park and recreation field with extensive experience in the planning and development of park, recreation, and conservation systems. He currently manages his department's \$790 million capital improvement program. Mr. Gregg received his bachelor's degree at the University of New Mexico (Forest Recreation) and his master's degree at Texas A&M University (Recreation Resources Development).

Laura Hawkins serves as Project Coordinator for Kiski-Conemaugh Cluster of the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway and is an AmeriCorps Member for the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy in southwestern Pennsylvania. Laura has a BS and MS in Social Work from West Virginia University and 15 years experience in non-profit management. She recently transferred her skills in project management, planning, and public health to pursue interests in environmental stewardship, natural resources conservation, and historic preservation.

Robert Haynes is the Coordinator for the Old Canada Road Scenic Byway, Bob has focused on expanding the out-of-car opportunities for the byway traveler, creatively working to help people to connect to history and nature while exploring the rivers and trails that make this area unique. He holds a B.S. in Forest Management from the University of Maine

Lori Headrick is a senior project manager for Entrix, Inc., an environmental and natural resource management consulting firm specializing in water resources management, natural resources management, and environmental permitting and compliance. Ms. Headrick serves as the consultant team project manager for the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area landscape analysis, as well as project manager for the Iron County, Utah Habitat Conservation Plan. Ms. Headrick has more than 15 years of experience in managing large scale environmental planning projects.

Bonnie K. Hundrieser is a Byways Specialist with the America's Byways Resource Center; Bonnie helps byway organizations through positive, proactive, hands-on assistance in planning, preserving, promoting and managing scenic byways. She holds an M.S. in Environmental Education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She lives along Lake Superior in Duluth, MN.

Amy Ito manages design and planning staff as well as consultants to develop plans and the division's master plan; develops and implements development plans; prepares budget; reviews conceptual plans for major projects; invites and receives public comment on planning processes and proposals; facilitates park management planning and reporting. Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from the University of Colorado at Denver (UCD). Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies (BA) from the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC). Awards Committee Chair for the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

Glenn Johnson received a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1972 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1993. Glenn is the General Manager of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1982, serving as Assistant General Manager beginning in 1972.

Scott Lamoreux is the recreation staff officer for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Mr. Lamoreux is the lead recreation planner for the Forest Service planning team for the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area landscape analysis. Mr. Lamoreux has more than 20 years of experience with programmatic and site level recreation planning on national forest lands.

Jane Leche is a public affairs specialist on the Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources staff for the U.S. Forest Service in the Rocky Mountain Region - Denver, CO. She is also lead singer and rhythm guitar player for the Fiddlin' Foresters, the official old-time string band of the U.S. Forest Service. She holds a BA degree in Recreation and Parks Administration from Washington State University and a BFA in Theater from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. Jane is a member of the Western Music Association and the Swallow Hill Music Association.

Christina Lilienthal was inspired by the mystique of Oregon's diverse, volcanic landscape, and so is here to represent the Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway in Southwest Oregon. With over 31 years experience with the Forest Service in natural resource management and outdoor recreation planning, she has been a scenic byway leader for twelve years. A Washington State University graduate with a BS in Landscape Architecture, Christina is the Umpqua National Forest Landscape Architect in Roseburg, Oregon.

Stuart MacDonald manages the www.AmericanTrails.org website, the American Trails Magazine, the National Trails Training Partnership (www.nttp.net), and the National Recreation Trails Program for American Trails. He was Colorado's State Trails Coordinator for 20 years and represented state trail programs on the Regulatory Negotiation Committee of the U. S. Access Board.

Bill Martin has been an outdoor recreation planner with the Bureau of Reclamation for 29 years. He is always working to develop cooperative partnerships, developing practical solutions to issues, and ways to implement new principals and concepts. Bill received degrees in natural resource management and business administration from the University of California.

Brian D McCann is a recreation planner in the Trails and Waterways Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is involved with motorized and non-motorized recreational facilities, program and facility planning, policy development, environmental review, public information and other special projects. He is currently the acting coordinator of MN's Statewide Off-Highway Vehicle Program. Brian has a Bachelor's degree in Forest Resources and a Master's Degree in Natural Resource Policy and Economics from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

Deborah Murray is the Community Development Manager in Clark County, NV. Her primary duties are to facilitate economic development in Laughlin and to coordinate current land use issues for the area. Deborah has a BS degree in construction engineering technology/administration from California Polytechnic University.

Keith Ready, Associate Professor, Department of Recreation, Parks and Sports Management, Virginia Commonwealth University, teaches park planning and is a consultant to numerous park departments in the region.

Robert (Bob) Reinhardt is the Director for Planning and Design for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Bob has a BA in Biology from SUNY at Geneseo and a MS in Interdisciplinary Water Resources from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. He is a member of the team that develops the NY State's Open Space Conservation Plan, and is responsible for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Bob is currently the Northeast Representative for the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners.

Kristina Rylands has worked in wild and scenic river planning in Yosemite National Park since 1999 and is currently the project manager on the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan. She is also president of the River Management Society's Pacific Chapter and serves on the executive committee of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council. When not in the happy company of Yosemite's rivers, you'll find her at home with her husband and 3 young kids. She received a BA degree from UCLA in 1985.

Chad Schneckenburger is an environmental and recreation planner specializing in recreation impact analyses, park and recreation master planning, needs assessments, and public facilitation. He has been responsible for recreation, land use, and environmental studies at all levels of government as well as for private clients. Mr. Schneckenburger holds a BS in Political Science from Appalachian State University and a MS in Recreation Resources from Colorado State University.

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John Schomaker has worked as a wildlife refuge planner for nine years. His prior experience includes nine years as an outdoor recreation planner with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, eight years as a research social scientist with the U.S. Forest Service, and three years as an academic.

Michael Schuett is an Associate Professor in the Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences at Texas A & M University. He also serves as Director of the Center for Socioeconomic Research and Education. Dr. Schuett conducts research on the human dimensions of natural resources. His Ph. D. is from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Emilyn Sheffield coordinates destination projects involving parks and protected places throughout the western United States. Recent project partners have included the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Save-the-Redwoods League, California State Parks, the Forest Service and other federal resource agencies. She's currently on sabbatical at the Golden Gate National Parks from California State University, Chico, CA.

Larry Snead is currently the Project Manager for the Arizona Trail Association. He served as the Association's Executive Director from 1998 to 2006 during which time over 400 new miles of the Arizona Trail were constructed. A business management graduate of Concord College, Athens, WV. Mr. Snead was a senior executive with the Boy Scouts of America and a human resource consultant prior to his involvement with the Arizona Trail. He owns an adventure travel company that arranges itineraries for clients to Central and South America.

Joe Sobinovsky is the Statewide Trails Coordinator for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. He has 20+ years of long-distance trail experience, thru-hiked the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails, and directed programs for Pacific Crest Trail Association.

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Karen Votava is co-founder and Executive Director of the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), a national non-profit based in Wakefield, Rhode Island. The ECGA spearheads the establishment of America's first long distance urban trail system that will link cities from Maine to Florida. Karen spent sixteen years as Director of Open Space Planning for the New York City Planning Department, and has authored "A Greenway Plan for New York City," a blueprint for 350 miles of greenways in the city that is currently more than half implemented. A longtime advocate for bicycle transportation and community open space she has lectured widely in Europe, North America and India. Karen has a bachelor's degree in political science from Douglass College in New Jersey, and a master of city planning degree from Yale University

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Joe Winfield is a landscape architect with the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. A graduate of the University of Arizona's Landscape Architecture Program, Mr. Winfield has worked for the National Park Service for over twenty years with the majority of that time focused on community-based conservation and recreation planning in Pennsylvania and Arizona.

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