



**Speaker Biographies:**

Workshop: Greenways & Trails: Cornerstones of a Sustainable Built Environment

Location: WOSU

**Steve Buchtel:**

Steve Buchtel is the Executive Director of Trails for Illinois and a consultant with Active Transportation Alliance, where he served as an employee for 17 years, most recently as an award-winning bikeways planner and suburban coordinator. Through his planning and advocacy, Steve's helped communities and public agencies fund more than \$13 million dollars of bikeways, trails and planning projects to the Chicago south suburbs and in 2010 was honored as Illinois Trail Worker of the Year by American Trails at the National Trails Symposium. Steve lives and rides in the Chicago south suburbs with his wife and daughter.

**Marty Cader, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the City of Cleveland:**

Working under Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Marty Cader is an advocate for bicycle, pedestrian, and health friendly initiatives. He is currently involved in the implementation of the Cleveland Bikeway Master Plan. Adopted in 2007, the plan calls for the creation of over 180 miles of multi-purpose trails, bike lanes, and bike routes. The Master Bikeway Plan was the city's first, and is incorporated into the Connecting Cleveland 2020 comprehensive plan.

**Nancy Krupiarz, is Executive Director of the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA), a statewide trails organization, which has been in existence for 6 years. Before theta she was State Director of the Rails to Trails Conservancy Michigan Field Office for 8 years. Nancy has played a role in the formation of several regional trail networks across the state, and has assisted numerous communities and trail groups on a wide variety of trail tropics. In 2006 she spearheaded the Connecting Michigan: A State Trails Planning Partnership, resulting in the Connecting Michigan: A State Trailways Vision and Action Plan, incorporating the expertise and input of over 100 trail stakeholders at the national, state, regional and local levels, to lay the groundwork for Michigan's future interconnected trail system.**