

Robert (Bob) Richards, CPRP, CMTB
Tennessee Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator

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Skills Summary:

- ◆ **Influential Greenways and Trails Professional** with a extensive record for strategically promoting sustainable, low maintenance trails and economic development to a broad spectrum of communities;
 - ◆ **Volunteer trainer** for trail construction and trail maintenance projects for over 200 miles of trails developed;
 - ◆ **Expert public speaker** and presenter on Greenways and Trails for state, regional, and national conferences;
 - ◆ **Developer of robust relationships** with national, regional, state, and local agencies representing government, nonprofit and private sectors;
 - ◆ **Driven project manager** with professional experience directing over 60 park/recreation and greenways/trails grant projects;
 - ◆ **Published writer and editor** of natural and hard surfaced trail technical resources utilized by state agencies, local communities, and trail user clubs in Tennessee;
 - ◆ **Resourceful grant consultant**, with over \$14.0 million in awarded federal RTP grant funds.
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Select Achievements

- ◆ **Builder of project teams as a experienced leader in the Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation**
 - ◆ **Directed the trail design, construction, operations and maintenance of over 200 miles** of hard and natural surfaced greenway trail systems for state parks and Metro Nashville parks
 - ◆ **Lead Management team member** for federal Recreational Trails Program with \$1.6 million available annually in grant funding.
 - ◆ **Directs the annual Tennessee National Trails Day** event in partnership with the American Hiking Society, Tennessee State Parks, Tennessee Trails Association and other groups. 8th in the nation in 2016 with 95 events.
 - ◆ **Director of Property and Facilities for Mid-TN Girl Scout Council managing ten girl scout camps with 1,000 acres of land and 100 structures.**
 - ◆ **Project team leader for conferences in five state and one national greenways and trails conference securing sponsors, venue, speakers, transportation, and managing the program.**
 - ◆ **State of Tennessee team leader for the Tennessee Greenways & Trails website (www.connectwithtn.com) with 962 trails in all 95 counties, managing the team to add 31 blueways to the website.**
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Certifications

Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), 1996 -2017 through the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)

Certified Master Trail Builder (MTB), 2012-2017 through Trail Design Specialists, Mike Riter Owner, <http://www.traildesign.com/trail-classes/>

Certified Playground Safety Inspector, (CPSI), 1996-99, 2010–2013 through the NRPA

Aquatic Facilities Operator (AFO), 1997–2006 through NRPA

Technical Skills

- ◆ **Social Media:** Facebook, LinkedIn
- ◆ **Computer Proficiencies:** PC, Microsoft Office, ESRI-ArcGIS,

Select Professional Experience

- ◆ **Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator, State of Tennessee** 2005–Present
- ◆ **Bob’s Trails, Trees and Gardens, Nashville, TN** 1987–Present
- ◆ **Director of Property and Facilities, Mid-TN Girl Scout Council** 1996–2004
- ◆ **TDEC, Recreation Services Specialist, State of Tennessee** 1993–1996
- ◆ **TN State Park Planner, State of Tennessee** 1988–1993
- ◆ **Tennessee Trails Program, (multiple positions), State of Tennessee** 1975–1987

Publications and Major Projects

- ◆ 2014 **Greenways 101**, General Advice for Development of Hard Surfaced Greenways, <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/greenways-101.pdf>
- ◆ 2013 **Trails/Tracks Resource Guide**, Tennessee Department of Health Task Force Group, <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/trails-tracks-resource-guide.pdf>
- ◆ 2010 **Reprint of the Pathways to Trail Building**,
- ◆ 2008 **Tennessee Greenways and Trails Plan**, Co-Author, Editor, http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/gt_plan2008.pdf
- ◆ 2007 **Beaman Park Trail Bridge**, <http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/BeamanParkTrailBridge.pdf>
- ◆ 2007 **Pathways to Trail Building**, Editor of 4th edition of Tennessee Recreation Trails Manual, <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/pathways.pdf>

Social Media Outlets

- ◆ **Facebook.com/Tennessee Greenways and Trails**, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tennessee-Greenways-and-Trails-wwwconnectwithtncom/180797268662894>
- ◆ **Linkedin.com/Bob Richards, Nashville, TN**,

Education

- ◆ **Bachelor of Science**, May, 1975, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- ◆ **Forestry Major**, 213 quarter hours

Honors and Achievements:

- 2016 **TN Trails Association, Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award**
- 2013 **Accessible Trails Award, Friends of Beaman Park**, Winner, Coalition for Recreational Trails
- 2012 **Tennessee, RTP, Best State Trails Program**, Winner, Coalition for Recreational Trails
- 2010 **Tennessee, Best RTP Advisory Committee**, Winner, Coalition for Recreational Trails
- 2010 **State of Tennessee Trail Advocacy Award**, Winner, American Trails National Symposium
- 2008 **State of Tennessee Trails Worker Award**, Winner, American Trails National Symposium
- 2007 **Award of Excellence**, TN Recreation and Parks Association, Resource Management Branch
- 2000 **Pathfinder Award**, James E. West District, Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts of America
- 1986 **TTA Award (statewide)**, Tennessee Trails Association,