

Save the Date: November 1st and 2nd 2021

The Prairie State Conservation Coalition, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Vulcan Materials and Lake Forest Open Lands invite you to participate in a Trails for Everyone workshop in Lake Forest on November 1st and 2nd, 2021.

The workshop will be two full days covering the conceptual background and practical skills needed to plan, design, construct, and maintain “universal trails” – trails that serve as wide a range of users as possible, while also minimizing environmental impact. (see agenda below).

The two-day workshop will be limited to 35 people and taught by Larry Knutson of Penn Trails LLC <https://penntrails.com/> . Larry is one of the foremost experts in designing, building, and promoting universal access trail systems and universal design for the outdoors.

He is co-author of the Universal Access Trail and Shared Use Paths Manual: <https://conservationtools.org/guides/115-universal-access-trails-and-shared-use-paths> and has taught universal trail design and building throughout the US.

Lake Forest Open Lands (LFOLA) is hosting this event. Ryan London, VP of Conservation for LFOLA and PSCC Board member can be contacted at rlondon@lfol.org with any questions.

Space is limited. Registration fee with lunches is \$50, and \$35 with bring your own lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided. A printed copy of the brand new Universal Access Trail and Shared Use Path’s Manual will be provided to attendees.

A special opportunity for participants and PSCC members is a follow-up site visit and consultation with Larry at your project site on Wednesday November 3rd or Thursday November 4th for a minimal transportation fee.

Agenda:

Day 1 (Full day in the classroom, Lake Forest, IL– limited to 35 people)

Planning, design, and maintenance of universally accessible pedestrian trails. Topics will include: the fundamentals of universal design, universal access trail planning & management; introduction to the 2013 Outdoor Developed Areas Accessibility Guidelines (ODAAG); small group work on universal access trails for your own setting(s).

Location: LFOLA's Conservation Campus, 350 North Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest, IL

Day 2 (Outdoor Practicum in one of Lake Forest Open Lands Nature Preserves) – limited to 35 people)

Start to finish: creating & managing your own universal trail project. Participants should bring a project idea or concept, for your own universally accessible trail project, to this session. Working with Larry, and in small groups, you will gain experience needed to begin planning your own project for a universally accessible trail that is practicable for your own site. This day will include a visit to an active Lake Forest Open Lands site in Lake Forest. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear for Day 2.

