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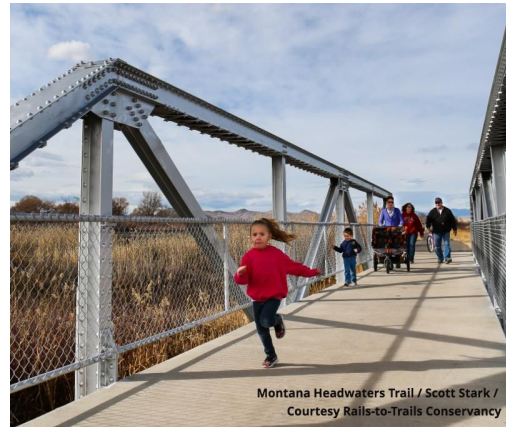
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1st Cross-Country Multi-Use Trail Paints Vision of Expansive, Active Connection

The **Great American Rail-Trail** is the nation's first cross-country multi-use trail, spanning 3,700 miles over 12 states between Washington, D.C., and Washington state — a signature project of **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC)**.

To commemorate the announcement of the trail, America Walks' board co-vice president Kevin Mills and Senior Vice President of Policy at RTC **wrote a guest blog about the history and future vision of the trail.**

The Great American Rail-Trail is an epic symbol and timely reminder for how we can all use trails and green spaces to actively connect on a more intimate level to each other and to the planet every day. Your steps, activity, and advocacy in getting back to nature contribute to a much larger movement towards our sustainable future.



[Click Here to Read the Blog and Sign the Great American Rail-Trail Pledge](#)

ITE Features America Walks on Sustainable Transportation

There are many documented benefits to walking and walkable communities, health, economics, and well-being, but perhaps none more urgent than the need to be a part of the network of solutions needed to address climate change.

Read more about how we are committed to advancing communities that are safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone to walk and be active, in ***Walking and Biking Perspectives on Active and Sustainable Transportation: National Complete Streets Coalition, Safe Routes to School, and America Walks.***



Women of the Walking Movement



The largest barrier is having a seat at the table and still being unheard. My contribution is often either overlooked or I'm relegated to "outreach" despite my credentials and experience.

- Veronica O. Davis, America Walks Board Member
& Principal Planning Manager at Nspiregreen LLC

America Walks recently posed an opportunity for our audience, internal staff, and supporters to nominate women walking champions who they admire — in hopes of sparking vulnerable and honest conversations around the trials and triumphs of what it means to be an intersectional woman working in the walking movement.

This month we featured America Walks Board Member and Partner and Principal Planning Manager at Nspiregreen LLC, Veronica O. Davis. [Read her story and advice here.](#) Stay tuned to see some of your nominations featured in the coming months.

Nominate an Inspiring Woman of the Walking Movement

Mark Those Calendars

- **June 12th:** Learn from a panel of pros for how organizations and individuals can work together to decrease speed and increase safety in their communities. [Register for our free webinar, *Safe Speeds, Safe Communities—Partners in Speed Management*.](#)
- **June 14th (now extended!):** The Blue Zones Made to Move grant opportunity closes. This is a competitive funding opportunity to assist communities in advancing active transportation through local project development, implementation and supporting policies. Get your applications in before the deadline and [apply now](#).
- **June 17th:** Join us for the third in our three-part training on Equitable Development. [You can register here](#) to learn about funding and support for equitable development. Miss part two? [Catch the recording here.](#)
- **June 20th:** Join us and other Every Body Walk! Collaborative partners for a Twitter Chat as we #ExploreWalking at 1pm Eastern, 10am Pacific. [Find us on Twitter here!](#)

Register for Our June Webinar



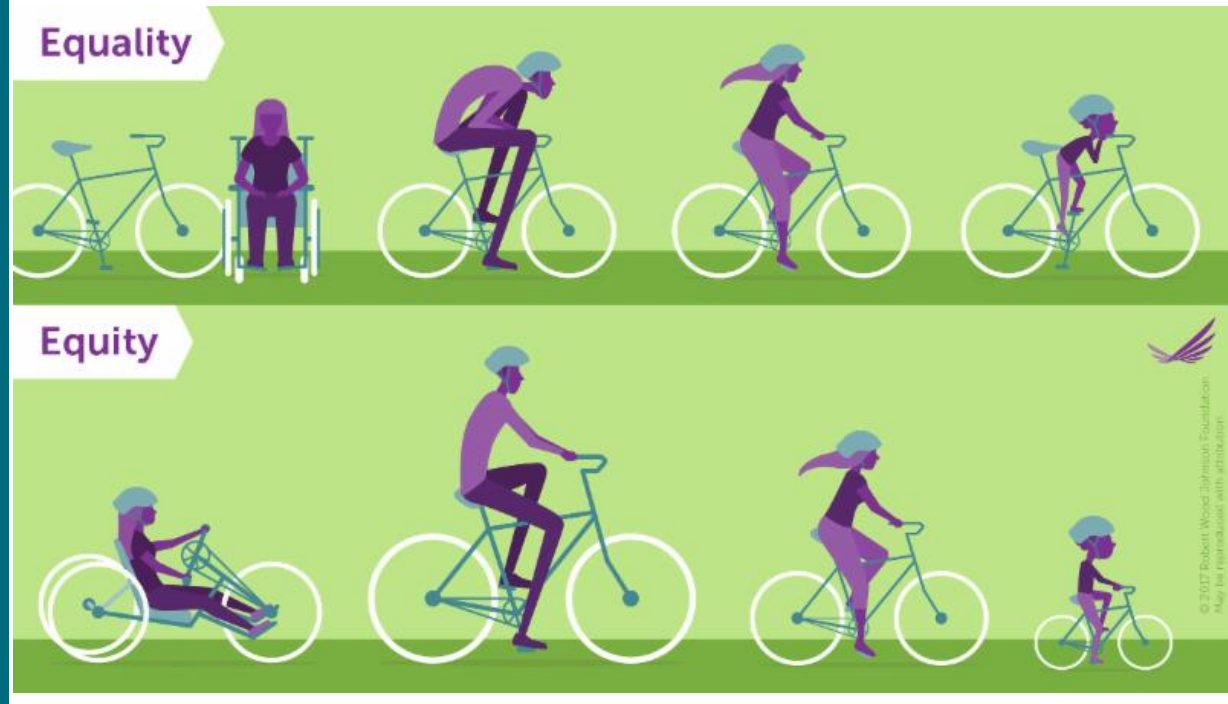
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- [Having a Library or Cafe Down the Block Could Change Your Life / City Lab](#)
- [Fuel for Active Bodies: Increasing Access to Healthy Foods / America Walks](#)
- [How Chicago's South Side Is Creating the 'Un' High Line / Next City](#)

And an oldie but goodie– we still love this graphic by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to #PromoteHealthEquity



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