

About FGT

Our Mission

Trails connect us —
to nature, to communities, and to each other.

Trails promote health —
enhancing the environment, wildlife habitat, as
well as our own happiness, health & wellness.

Trails help the economy —
improving property values, supporting
business, and providing affordable mobility.



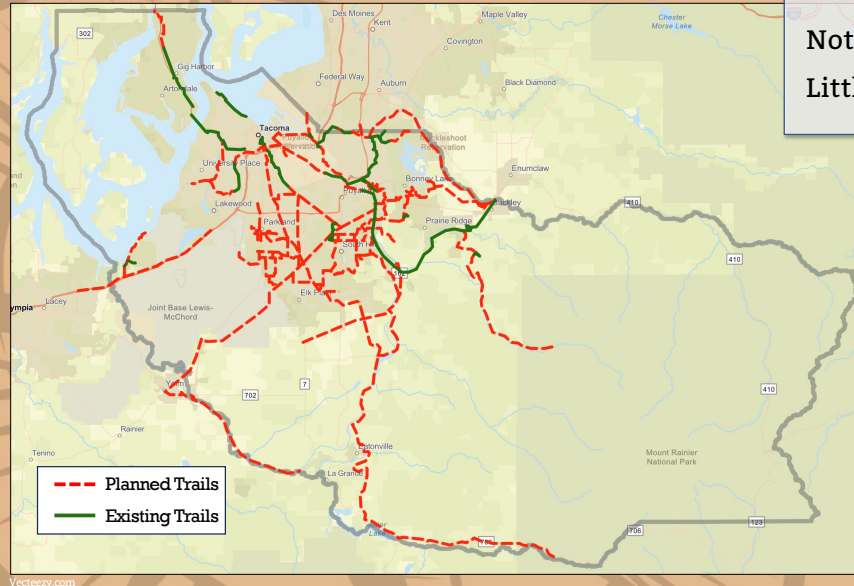
That's why "FGT supports the development of a unified system of trails throughout Pierce County, WA, via education, advocacy, promotion, and collaboration."

ForeverGreen Trails is a nonprofit trail advocacy group serving all of Pierce County. We help ensure strong policy and funding for trails and aid local governments to fund the buildout of our planned regional trail network.

Along the way, we promote trail use and stewardship to the public, educate about the benefits of trails, and organize trail advocacy.

But wait. If trails are so great, why is our organization even needed?

Why FGT is Needed



Lots of **red** lines.
Not enough **green**.
Little network connectivity.



ForeverGreen Trails is needed to help address our region’s backlog of trail projects. Pierce County has many **PLANNED** trails (in red), but few **COMPLETED** ones (in green), and little network connectivity!

Our Vision statement captures the potential impact the planned system:

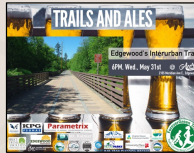
“All of Pierce County’s communities are more connected, livable, and economically viable due to a system of trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and local pathways that provides safe, convenient, non-motorized travel and recreation for all ages, abilities, and income levels. Residents and visitors use, value, and care for this network because it contributes to their health, well-being, quality of life, and the local economy.”

We are committed to turning those red lines green. That’s not why we are called ForeverGreen Trails, it’s just handy it worked out like that.

How FGT helps

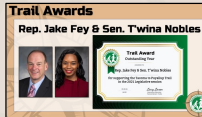
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- Trails & Ales
- Pierce County Trails Day
- Pierce County Trails Conference



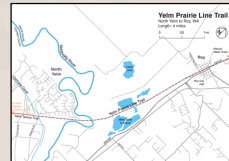
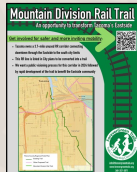
Programs

- Trail Awards
- Technical Assistance
- Trail Accelerator Program



Projects

- Yelm Prairie Line Trail
- Interurban Trail
- Tacoma Mountain Division Trail
- Ashford Trail Feasibility Study



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FGT pursues that Vision through our Events, Projects, and Programs:

OUR EVENTS Promote trail use and stewardship, educate and empower people about trail issues, from specific trail projects, plan updates, policy trends, and best practices.

OUR PROGRAMS recognize outstanding achievements in trail advocacy and support local government trail planning, funding, and development to help address our region's backlog of trail projects.

OUR PROJECTS provide special emphasis to serve regional connectivity, equity, and economic development issues.

How FGT helps

- Government outreach at all levels
- Technical & financial assistance for jurisdiction members



**“We GROW the pie of trail funding
& help our local partners GET the pie!”**



Turning all of those red lines on the trail map green takes a LOT of funding.

That’s why we work hard to both GROW the pie and GET the pie.

Our government outreach helps ensure sound active recreation and mobility policy and funding. Our technical and financial assistance programs help our local partners get grants to build out our planned trail system.

At FGT, “We keep our eyes on the PIES!” And we have the receipts that what we do works!

How YOU Can Help

Do you:

- Have a passion for trails
- Embrace our Mission and Vision

Can you:

- Be active in our organization, contributing, collaborating, and stepping up to lead
- Be an ambassador for ForeverGreen Trails in the community & online
- Innovate to serve our Mission & Vision



At FGT, we say “Great trail systems don’t just HAPPEN. It takes a TEAM EFFORT”. We need board members who love trails and who will engage in our work both in our meetings and in the community.

We need thinkers, collaborators, and doers. We need Trail Heroes.

Please contact our Executive Director, Larry Leveen at info@forevergreentrails.org or call 360-357-3871.