



LINDA REEVES

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Linda Reeves has been a leader within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for over 45 years. Beginning her journey in 1975, Linda started with DEP under the Bureau of Finance and Accounting. Later joining the Florida Park Service in 1980, she continued to change the face of outdoor recreation for the great State of Florida as a Grant Specialist. Linda continues to build on her mission to conserve green spaces and enhance outdoor recreation through her work with the Division of State Lands.

Linda holds the title of Community Program Manager for the Land and Recreation Grants Section, where she oversees the operations and management of the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Program (SMWW), Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program, and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). These programs are nationally recognized for encouraging local governments to develop public outdoor recreation, rehabilitate existing facilities, as well as to demonstrate innovative community programs and planning for the overall revitalization of local area recreation systems.



LAUREN CRUZ

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Lauren Cruz is a planning professional with a diverse background in comprehensive land management, zoning and land use planning, and grant administration. Through various opportunities with state and local government, she has developed a passion for trails and recreational development.

After earning a combined degree in Sociology and Urban and Regional Planning from the Florida State University, she began working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Sustainable Initiatives Programs. Transitioning to the Division of State Lands, Lauren was recognized for exemplary service in 2019 for her assistance in the implementation of an online grant management system for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP). Gaining experience in local government, she served as a Planner for Wakulla County until her recent return to the Land and Recreation Grants Section.

Lauren currently strives to enhance Florida's nonmotorized, motorized, and blueways trail systems through her work as the state coordinator for the federally funded Recreational Trails Program.



CATHY CORLETT

Director of Strategic
Communications and Trail
Fund Program Director,
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Cathy Corlett served on the American Trails board for four years before joining the American Trails team full-time in late July 2022 as the Director of Strategic Communications and Trail Fund Program Director.

Cathy's previous career as a landscape architect included projects in California, Oregon and Colorado. She holds an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University and a Master's in Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon. She grew up skiing in the Colorado Rockies and spends her spare time creating art, gardening, hiking, skiing and botanizing.