



Appendix 7: Glossary & Acronyms

Glossary

Accessibility — The extent to which facilities are barrier-free and usable by people with disabilities, including those using wheelchairs

Amenity — a useful or attractive feature or service, for example, leisure facilities (*encarta.msn.com*)

Bikeway — a general term for any on- or off-street corridor that is intended for bicyclists

Bike lane — The portion of a roadway surface that is designated by pavement markings and signing for the exclusive use of bicyclists

Bike route — on-street path, often marked by signage, intended to be a safer route than unmarked streets for advanced bicyclists

Greenway — a corridor of open land that is managed for conservation and/or recreation. Greenways may follow natural land, or water features such as rivers, shorelines or ridges, or human landscape features such as abandoned railroad corridors, trails or canals. Greenways may form connections between communities, parks, historic and cultural sites, and nature preserves. Greenways differ in their location and function, but overall, a greenway will provide recreational benefits, protect natural areas, enhance natural beauty and quality of life in neighborhoods and communities, or stimulate economic development opportunities.

Hiking/Walking Trail — facilities used exclusively by pedestrians, and are typically found in natural areas

Interpretive facilities — Parts of a trail or recreational facility that offer the opportunity to educate the user on various aspects of the landscape, including native plants and animals, geologic history, local history, and local economy

Intersection — An area where two or more pathways or roadways join together

New construction — A project in which an entirely new facility is built from the ground up or where a new facility is added to an existing facility

Obstacle — An object that limits the vertical passage space, protrudes into the circulation route, or reduces the clearance width of a sidewalk or trail

Pedestrian — A person who travels on foot or who uses assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, for mobility

Rails-to-Trails — An initiative to convert abandoned rail beds into trails

Rest area — A level portion of a trail that is wide enough to provide wheelchair users and others a place to rest and gain relief from the prevailing grade and cross slope demands of the path

Shared use path — A trail that permits more than one type of user and that has a transportation and recreation function.

Sidewalk — The portion of a highway, road, or street intended for pedestrians

Trail — A path of travel for recreation and/or transportation within a park, natural environment, or designated corridor that is not classified as a highway, road, or street

Trailhead — a parcel of land specifically designed as primary means of accessing a trail

Acronyms

- CCDC** — Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation
- CCFPD** — Champaign County Forest Preserve District
- CCHD** — Champaign County Highway Department
- CCRPC** — (*also* RPC) Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
- CDBG** — Community Development Block Grant
- CMAQ** — Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
- CR** — County Road
- CUMTD** — Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District
- CUS** — Champaign-Urbana-Savoy
- CUUATS** — Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- GT** — Greenways and Trails
- IDNR** — Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- IL** — Illinois
- ISTEA** — Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
- LRTP** — Long Range Transportation Plan
- LWCF** — Land and Water Conservation Fund
- NBT** — Natureways, Bikeways, and Trails (*now* Greenways and Trails)
- PLH** — Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program
- RTP** — Recreational Trails Program
- SAFETEA** — Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003
- STP** — Surface Transportation Program
- TEA-21** — Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
- TIP** — Transportation Improvement Program
- UIUC** — University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- US** — United States