



## **FACT SHEET**

### **Mission**

The Friends of the Centennial Trail assists and encourages the development and maintenance of the Spokane River Centennial Trail, adjacent parklands and connecting trails.

### **Founded**

1992

### **Founder**

Various city, state, and country park representatives

### **Headquarters**

Spokane, Washington

### **Locations**

Spokane County & Stevens County, Washington

The Spokane River Centennial Trail begins at the Idaho state line and ends at Nine Mile Falls, Washington. Our one-of-a-kind Trail has its metropolitan center section in downtown Spokane, and branches out to more rural east and west endpoints. The Trail's path generally follows the contours of the Spokane River, allowing access for many types of outdoor non-motorized recreational activities.

### **Leadership**

Executive Board

Chairperson: Dan Maguire, TransCanada

Vice-Chair: Hannahlee Allers, City of Spokane

Secretary: Melanie Keiser, Hart Capital Management, Inc.

Treasurer: Mike Merritt, CPA

At-Large Officers: Mike Basinger, City of Spokane Valley & Greg Loew, Avista

Members

Amy Condon, Itron

Dean Feldmeier, DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center

Linda Hendricksen, Northwest Farm Credit Services

Becca McConnaughey, Spokane County

Nick Murto, Seven2

Gair Petrie, retired attorney

Jackie Post, Spokane Regional Health District

Staff

Loreen McFaul, Executive Director

### **Organization History**

In 1979, Spokane County Parks proposed a bicycle/pedestrian pathway along the river, a pathway that would run from Argonne Road to the Idaho state line. This idea was nurtured by the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce in 1984 as they explored recreational opportunities along the river. In 1986, they proposed a 10-1/2 mile trail to be built in conjunction with the Washington Centennial in 1989. Creative thinking quickly expanded this idea into a coordinated effort with our neighbors in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The concept was to build a two-state recreational trail from the Spokane House at the confluence of the Spokane and Little Spokane Rivers to the east side of Coeur d'Alene Lake, some 60 miles in length. As the trail construction boom reached its end, the steering committee came up with the concept of the "Friends of the Centennial Trail." This entity would be a non-profit Washington corporation, dedicated to the ongoing support of the public sector for the development, operation, maintenance, and enhancement of the Spokane River Centennial Trail.

### **Trail Management**

The Trail is administered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and is maintained through the provisions of a Cooperative Agreement among the commission and the city and county parks departments. A Coordinating Council comprising members of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, Spokane County and State Parks representatives, as well as a member of the Friends of the Centennial Trail, are responsible for implementation of the Cooperative Agreement.

### **Volunteer**

Volunteers may assist with maintenance and clean-up of any mile. Volunteers can also help the Trail Builders Fund, created to provide essential community-based funding to projects related to the completion of the Centennial Trail.

### **Support**

Friends of Centennial Trail rely on private donations to fund its advocacy work. Members, donors, sponsors and Adopt-a-Mile partners contribute annually and to our Trail Builder's Fund.

### **Contact Us**

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