

## About

# Liz Thorstensen

For the past decade, Liz has worked at the intersection of healthy communities and economic development—including guiding organizations and communities through the development of cross-sector strategies that strengthen economic, human and natural capital.

Liz serves as the Vice President of Trail Development at Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC), where she shapes and oversees RTC's trail development projects and programs in support of RTC's mission to develop a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines. Her primary focus is developing and implementing RTC's Projects of National Significance. This work reflects RTC's unique ability to bring national support and top-class trail and movement building expertise to local trail and active transportation network building initiatives. These network-building projects are carrying communities over the tipping point, helping trails evolve from local amenities into the critical, connected infrastructure that supports healthy people, places and local economies.

Liz earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland College Park in Geography and GIS, and holds Masters degrees in Urban and Regional Planning and Local Economic Development from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and the London School of Economics, respectively.

