



Vision Forum Minutes

Antioch University New England
40 Avon St
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Welcome:

Facilitators- David Ruble, Dave Viale, Sarah Swain, and James Gruber of Antioch New England Institute(ANEI) of the Antioch University New England

Dave Viale introduced the project, ANEI's role, and the East Hill Foundation.

Introductions:

All participants stated their name, organization, and the last time they were on a pathway.
Total participation=70

Project Update:

David Ruble presented a power point highlighting the objectives accomplished thus far and the goals for the future of the grant.

Vision Map:

10 Years from now...what would you like the regions trail system to look like and how do you want it to function for you and the community?

Rules:

- #1-All ideas are valid
- #2-Opposing an idea is okay
- #3-Person who names issue says where it goes
- #4-Give a concrete example if not totally clear
- #5-Everyone get to share one idea before we move to

Results:

Preservation of Trails-34

- ❖ Agreements with private landowners-6
- ❖ Can't loose what we have-4
- ❖ Communication with local government-1
 - Site plan reviews-3
 - Towns preserving class VI roads-6

Trail Creation-1

- ❖ Thoughtful and planned evolution-10
- ❖ More trails than in 2006-1
- ❖ Access-7
 - Improved trailheads-5
- ❖ Connecting Pathways-12
 - Connect 3 railbed systems-4
 - Inter-state connections-1
 - Accessing tri-state trail initiative-5
 - Connecting to commerce for an alternative to cars-1
 - Connecting to popular recreation sites-4

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Safety-4

- ❖ Safe road crossings-4

Trail Enforcement-14

- ❖ System of control
- ❖ Local trail enforcement groups to aid law enforcement-4

Waterway Trails-3

- ❖ Designated in system and included in maps

Community and Partnerships-11

- ❖ Building trails into community culture-6
- ❖ Community coordination-1
- ❖ Partnerships between user groups and non-profits-2

Trail Commerce-4

- ❖ Increase tourism-4

Trail Maintenance-17

- ❖ Local maintenance group-2
 - Leveraging groups to help-example: opportunity to unite community
 - Volunteer group with representatives from all user groups-2
- ❖ Limited winter plowing for wheelchair use-1

Trail Funding-18

- ❖ Long-term, sustainable funding
- ❖ Funding source other than motorized registration fees-6
 - Grant writing-5
 - In-kind or corporate donations example: “adopt-a-trail”
 - User fee/tax-5
 - Broad based user fee

Multi-use Trails-10

- ❖ Non-motorized-7
 - Horses-2
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle singular use-5
- ❖ Compatible with uses, neighbors, surrounding environment-6
- ❖ Motorized-6
 - Specific motorized trails-2
 - Address motorized impact on environment-2
- ❖ Enhance qualities of abutters-3
 - Preserve life of abutters-4

Organizational Systems and Networks

- ❖ Tri-state initiative
- ❖ Coalition
 - Compatible to all in community
- ❖ Communication example: get okay to do work

Trail Information-11

- ❖ One website-web access to all trails in Cheshire County-5
- ❖ Education-2
 - Trail etiquette-1
 - Educate public officials-
- ❖ Interpretation-2
 - Brochures and maps-1

Break-out Groups:

Activities:

Brainstorm five "First Actions"
List of interested participants
Set first meeting time

Preservation/Creation Committee-Combined due to small numbers in Creation Group

- Identify trail focus areas for connectivity and preservation
- Tiered system
- Gather information on usage
- Inventory gaps between communities
- Sensitivity to human and cultural aspects
- Communication with local towns about class VI roads and site plan reviews
- Trail easement, organizations to hold them and agreements with private land owners
- Regional advisory group to work with local law enforcement
- Set up communication committee

Interested Volunteers:

Barry Labombarde, Dan Shelley, Thom Little, Bud Croteau, Ron Robbins, Troy Tucker, Steve Russell, Ellen Edson, Bill Hodgmaid, Don Scott, Ken Wright, Bruce Bohannen, John Hayes

Monday, October 30th at 7pm ANEI Conference Room

Multi-Use Committee-

- Define Multi-use
- Inventory different communities definitions of multi-use
- Develop criteria for designating use example: neighbors, terrain, hazards etc.
- Identify users
- Identify abutters
- Inventory existing trails and uses

Interested Volunteers:

Frank and Jane Meneghini, Jan Carpenter, Irene Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Gretchen Schillemat

Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm ANEI Conference Room

Maintenance Committee-

- Identify available money for bush hogging, tools, hard pack, etc
- Build and inform volunteer network
- Put together volunteer grant writing team(contact Funding Committee?)
- Trail stewardship/adoption program
- Combine group efforts

Interested Volunteers:

Laura Susmann, Bill Roberts, Bill Hodgmaid, Steve Fisher, Joseph Roy, Michael Alarie, Jim Johnson, Laurel Powel, Matthew Edson

Monday, November 6th at 7pm ANEI Conference Room

Funding Committee-

- Legislation
- Grants
- User fees
- In-kind exchange
- Gifting

Interested Volunteers:

Chuck Redfern, John Treat, Paul Fagley, Andrew Walters, Randy Hull, Tom Duston

Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm ANEI Conference Room

Information Committee-

- Website Construction

Interested Volunteers:

Andrea Santoro, Larry Reid, Susan Stanclift-Walker, Eloise Clark

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm ANEI Conference Room

Community Committee

- Identify interested parties
- Adopt-a trail
- Connect with local gyms
- Bike and foot races
- Treasure hunts/geocaching
- Benefits highlighted to business(B&B's and stores) along pathways

Interested Volunteers:

Kenny Greatbatch, Marlee Leveille, Chip Southgate, Carrie Goldsmith, Gary Barnard

Meeting Time TBA