

Holiday Island Trails

Master Plan

11-29-16



"Moss in the winter"

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Overview:

The purpose of the Holiday Island Trails Project is to establish a series of natural surface hiking and biking trails that can be used as an additional amenity by Holiday Island property owners and area vacationers as well as making the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID) more attractive to potential home and property buyers.

Holiday Island is a development community started in the early 1970's as a desirable location for people to spend weekends or retire. And although retirees or couples approaching retirement still make up the majority of current residents, younger families with children are moving into the community. Situated in the Ozark Mountains and on Table Rock Lake, the community has depended largely on golf, water sports, and the proximity to Eureka Springs, Branson and the Northwest Arkansas corridor as the primary attraction for potential property owners.

Nationally there is a declining interest in golf and a growing interest in hiking and mountain biking as the preferred form of outdoor recreation. This is especially true for younger families with children who prefer less expensive more family oriented outdoor activities. And the recent trend is that more and more prospective home buyers inquiring about Holiday Island ask about hiking trails. All area municipalities large and small have developed or are developing and expanding hiking trails to address this change in preference. Consequently it will be necessary for the future growth of Holiday Island to keep pace with this trend.

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program has assisted Holiday Island in this project.



Scope:

Holiday Island is not an incorporated city or town. Rather it is a suburban improvement district. The Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID) builds and maintains the infrastructure and amenities for the property owners in the district. The district covers approximately 5000 acres 1500 of which is designated as conservation area or locally referred to as “green spaces”. The scope of the project is to utilize the “green spaces” and potentially lots that can be owned by HISID that are not buildable and have limited resale value to create a series of trails.

In scope:

- Perform exploratory walks in the green spaces in order to map out the proposed trails.
- Solicit input from the Holiday Island community, district manager, and board of commissioners.
- Develop design standards for the trails that address trail heads (parking & access), safety, liability and signage
- Confirm that the proposed trails will not infringe on private property
- Create maps for hikers and promotion
- Create the trails that can be established with minimal investment utilizing volunteer labor
- Identify sources of funding for more difficult trails
- Develop along with HISID a long term trails maintenance program
- Develop with HISID a trails promotion program



“View from the trail”

Benefits of Trails:

Economic:

- Holiday Island (HISID) has experienced a decline in revenue due to a number of lots being “turned back” to HISID as a result of the 2008 recession and the pulling out of National Recreational Properties during the recession. The trail project would be beneficial in selling those lots so that the assessment revenue stream could be re-established.
- Due primarily to the aging of the population of home owners, some of which have been here since the 1970’s, there is a significant inventory of homes for sale in Holiday Island. The trail project will greatly improve the ability of local realtors to sell these properties.
- Due to the inventory of existing homes for sale, new construction is very limited. The trail project and subsequent reduction in inventory of existing homes will create opportunity for new construction.
- The increase in population resulting from home and lot sales will have a beneficial impact on local retail sales as well as revenue generated from the use of Holiday Island amenities.
- Having an additional amenity in Holiday Island and a reduction in existing for sale home inventory will have a positive impact on property values.
- The hiking trails will bring tourists to Holiday Island who will in turn spend money at local motels, restaurants, and shops. There is also the potential for these tourists to utilize the golf courses, recreation center, marina, and camp grounds which will generate additional revenue for HISID.



“An Island Buck”

Benefits continued:

Health and recreation:

- It is a well established fact that hiking as a form of exercise promotes a healthy living style. Hiking in the beautiful green spaces of Holiday Island would promote both the physical and mental health of the residents.
- There is already a significant interest in hiking among Holiday Island residents (Holiday Island Hikers) who hike at various locations regionally from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Many of the members cannot travel far distances to hike. Having a series of trails in Holiday Island would provide them with opportunities to hike more frequently.
- Several current residents regularly walk along the streets and/or on the golf course cart paths because of limited local alternatives. The trails will improve both the quality and safety of what they now do.



“Turtle sculpture by Mother Nature”

Trail System Concept:

The Holiday Island Trail System will have three components; an existing 1.6 mile round trip paved fully AHDA compliant walking trail, use of the existing paved golf course cart paths, and natural surface hiking and biking trails in the HISID owned green spaces. There are four large and four to five smaller green spaces. The large spaces can each support a trail of two to three miles without significant doubling back over the same ground. Four of the large green spaces have been explored and determined to have potential for trails. The other green spaces have not been explored but may have potential for shorter trails. Two of these trails can be connected and share one trail head. The other two trails will have their own trail head. Within the green spaces hikers would see interesting rock formations, views of the mountains and valleys, small part time running creeks, and an abundance of wild flowers and forest.

General description:

For purposes of the project the trails will be identified as Leatherwood, Golf Course, Starlite North, Starlite South, Cove Lane, and Bobcat. Actual trail names will be determined at the time of construction. The trail head with parking for the Starlite South and Cove Lane Trails would be located on green space along Haddock Creek at the intersection of Valley Drive and Wild Turkey Drive. The Starlite North Trail and Leatherwood Walking Trail have their own trail head with parking. The Bobcat Trail will be accessed from the parking lot at the 18-hole golf course with a secondary trail head on Bobcat Lane. The Holiday Island camp grounds can be linked directly to the Starlite North Trail by following green space north from the trail to the Arkansas Missouri state line and then west to the camp grounds. This has been explored as doable. However, it may be faster and easier to create a walking/bike path along Thomas Circle.



"A woodpecker buffet"

Cove Lane and Starlite South Trail Head:

There is an area of green space at the intersection of Valley Drive and Wild Turkey Drive that is very suitable for the Starlite South and Cove Lane trail head. The trail head will require creating a driveway entrance and gravel for the parking lot plus signage for the two trails. Adding a covered shelter (pavilion) and rest rooms would significantly add to the appeal of these trails and increase usage of the trails.



“Potential trail head for the Cove Lane and Starlite South Trails”

Cove Lane Trail:

The Cove Lane Trail would start at the trailhead, cross Valley Drive and follow the sewer line easement east into the valley just north of the Indian Hills subdivision (see attachment). Once in the valley loop #1 would follow an already somewhat defined trail that has been used in the past for ATV's. Loop #1 would be approximately 2.2 miles and rated easy. There is the potential for a loop #2 by creating a switch back off of loop #1 down to the creek bed and following the creek bed back up to the far end of loop #1. Adding the 2nd loop extends the trail to a total of approximately 2.6 miles and changes the rating moderate.

Creating the trail will require clearing brush from the trail head up to the valley and along the creek bed, clearing brush and possibly creating some steps for the switchback for loop #2. Loop #1 has rock outcroppings and forest trail. Loop #2 has interesting fossils and other sedimentary rock along the creek bed. Work effort should be moderate and could probably all be done by volunteers.



"This tree rocks"

Starlite South Trail:

The Starlite South Trail would start at the Haddock Creek trail head and follow the sewer line easement through the green space that parallels Pearl Drive up into the valley north of Starlite Drive (see attachment). The trail then switchbacks up to the sewer line easement along the properties on Lido Lane, Saturn Avenue, and Summit Drive. Loop #1 then drops down to a lower terrace and back to the trail head. Loop #2 branches off of loop #1 and drops to a 3rd terrace which parallels loop #1. At approximately the same point as the far end of loop #1, loop #2 would drop down to a 4th tier and eventually switchback down to the creek bed and back to the trail head. Loop #1 would be approximately 2.1 miles long and be rated moderate due to the elevation change in the switchback. Adding loop #2 extends the distance to 3 miles total and would still be a moderate trail.

Creating the trail will require clearing brush from the trail head up to the valley and along the creek bed, clearing brush and possibly creating some steps for the switchbacks. A small bridge or two may be required depending on where the trail crosses the creek. The creek is dry most of the time. So bridges may be required more because of the terrain than water. This trail has more interesting and impressive rock formations than the Cove Lane trail but otherwise is similar. Work effort would be moderate and could probably be done by volunteers.



"Rocks and trees fighting for position"

Starlite North Trail: (Built in 2016)

The Starlite North Trail Loop #1 is complete and is located in the valley bordered by Stateline Drive, Starlite Drive, and Summit Drive (see attachment). This trail has its own trail head. The trail head is in the green space on Starlite Drive approximately across from the Community Church. Loop #1 of the trail follows the sewer line easement along Stateline Drive and up to Summit Drive. It then loops back twice on different terraces, down to the creek bed and back to the trail head. Loop #1 is approximately 1.4 miles and relatively easy. Loop #2 which has not yet been cleared is an extension of loop #1 and extends into an adjacent valley, down to its creek bed, and then back to loop #1. Adding Loop #2 will extend the trail to approximately 2 miles total.

Loop #1 of this trail has already been cleared by volunteers and is marked with trail markers. The trailhead is complete including parking and signage. The trail has two opportunities for a nice panoramic view of the valley as well as a place to sit and listen to the water run from small springs in the creek. Loop #2 would require some brush removal, clearing downed trees, and signage. Other than the trail head culvert and some stump removal which was done by HISID, all other work has been done by volunteers. The Holiday Island Hospitality Association provided funds for the signage.

The trail ribbon cutting was Labor Day weekend 2016.



"Tree on a rock shelf"



"View from stone bench"

Starlite North Trail link to the camp grounds:

The Starlite North Trail can be linked to the camp grounds by creating a trail that starts at the sewer line easement between lots 8 & 9 on the south side of Stateline Drive. There is a ribbon of green space going north from that point all the way to the Arkansas Missouri state line. There is also a ribbon of green space that runs along the State line (which is also the northern border of HISID) to the camp grounds. The State line is clearly defined by a woven and barbed wire fence that has been there for many years based on how the tree trunks

have grown around the wire. This area has been explored and creating this linking trail is doable with some effort. The area is significantly grown up with small trees, brush, and vines.

The alternative would be to create a trail along the shoulder of Thomas Circle East to Stateline Drive and then up Stateline Drive from lot 5 to lot 9 and then following the sewer line easement to the trail. If there is enough shoulder and/or if the road is wide enough, this would be a much easier approach.

Bobcat Trails: **“Will be updated based on development of detailed construction plans.”**

The Bobcat Trails are planned to be three loops. One loop starts at Thunderbird Drive at the entrance to the old logging road and follows the south face of the valley with a lollipop type loop at the end of the trail. A 2nd loop will also start at Thunderbird and follow the logging road behind the driving range tee boxes and then follow the south face of the valley around Mission Hills. The trail will loop down to a 2nd tier and back to the trail. A 3rd loop starts at a trail head that will be built on Bobcat Lane and through a series of switchbacks goes up to join with the midpoint of the 2nd loop (see attachment). By connecting loops #2 & #3 hikers can start at Bobcat and return to Bobcat, start at Thunderbird and loop back to Thunderbird, or go from Thunderbird all the way to Bobcat.

Another key element of this trail is that it can be accessed from the Country Club parking lot by following the cart path that goes down to the driving range. This would provide for ample parking plus make the trail a potential destination for anyone wanting to have a meal or beverage at the Club House. The cart path is fairly steep and would be a challenge for many residents. So, it is planned to work with HISID to provide golf carts (depending on availability) to drive down to the trail. This should make this trail “hike-able” by most residents.

The trail could be linked to the Haddock Creek trail head but the elevation change between Haddock Creek and Bobcat Lane is significant. Consequently, it is planned that a trail head be established on Bobcat Lane. Property is available. There is the possibility to add future legs down into the base of the valley where there is a small waterfall.



“Fall beauty”

The Bobcat Trails can and would be the “crown jewel” of the trail system but will also take significant effort and resources to build. The area is very rugged with steep elevation changes. There is a significant amount of downed timber that must be cleared. And there are at least three places where bridges may be required to cross severely washed out gullies where water runs off during rainstorms. The bluffs and rock formations are more than noteworthy especially along the golf course and around Mission Hills. An estimation on cost and resources required to build this trail has been completed and assumes a combination of professional and volunteer work for construction. A \$24000 Recreational Trails Program grant was awarded by the State of Arkansas for construction of the trail. HISID, the Holiday Island Hikers and Holiday Island Hospitality Association are providing the required matching funds and volunteer labor. Construction should begin in 2017. When completed the Bobcat Trail would be 3 +/- miles long and be rated moderate with some easy legs for more general users.

Leatherwood walking trail:



The Leatherwood walking trail is a 0.8 mile long (1.6 miles to the end and back) paved fully ADA compliant walking track that winds along the shore of Leatherwood Creek Cove on Table Rock Lake. The trail displays an abundance of wild flowers in the spring and summer as well as periodic views of the lake. The trail head has ample parking plus a picnic area. There are benches along the track for resting while listening to water running in the creek or dreaming of being out on the lake.

The trail is a favorite place for dog walking, riding bikes with the kids, or stacking stones with a friend. And you may even see a few people trying their luck at fishing from the shore.



Cart Path Walking/Biking:

Holiday Island has several miles of paved cart path running along the 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses. People that live along or near the golf courses regularly use the paths for daily exercise walking, jogging, dog walking, and bike riding. In order to avoid interference with golf play and the associated potential safety concerns, rules have been adopted that control use of the paths during non-golfing times.



Public Input:

Public input is essential in order to establish community support and address any concerns the property owners may have. Public input has been solicited in three components.

- The initial public forum was held on 4-14-16 facilitated by Guy Headland from the National Park Service and the HISID Trails Committee.
- A survey was conducted by the Trails Committee. (See results in the appendix.)
- Direct contact is taking place at the appropriate time with residents whose property directly borders the trails.

Cost Estimates:

The cost breakdown for the Starlite North Trail is included in the appendix. Since this trail is complete this is a close representation of the actual cost to build the trail.

Also, included in the appendix is an estimate for the Bobcat Trail.

Estimates for other trails will be completed at the time a determination is made to proceed with those trails.

Project Timeline:

There is no fixed time line to fully implement this project. Timelines will be established for each segment of the project as determination is made on implementation.

Trail Maintenance:

A memorandum of agreement was created between HISID and the Holiday Island Hikers where HISID will address major maintenance issues like erosion or fallen trees. The Hikers will provide routine maintenance like brush and grass control, basic grooming, and regular inspection. (Ref agreement in appendix)

Promotion Plan:

Formal promotion of the trails will be the responsibility of HISID and be incorporated into promotion of all other amenities. This master plan along with trail maps will be posted on the HISID website. Informal promotion will be done through networking by businesses like local weekend and vacation rental companies. The Holiday Island Hikers will network with other hiking and biking clubs and organizations. It is recommended that promotional pamphlets be developed and distributed in Holiday Island (golf course, camp grounds, rec center) as well as the Holiday Island and Eureka Springs Chambers of Commerce and area hotels.

It is also recommended that trail kiosks be built near the club house and recreation center that would have a large map of Holiday Island indicating the location of the trails and pamphlets for visitors.

Of significant note is that Holiday Island and Eureka Springs are having discussions about linking their respective hiking trail systems. This creates a major opportunity to make this area a destination location for hikers and mountain bikers.

Sources of Funding:

Funding will be a combination of HISID funding, donations, and Grants. The Starlite North trail required minimal funding as most of the construction was volunteer. A \$24000 Recreational Trails Grant from the State of Arkansas will be used to help construct the Bobcat trail. Funding will depend on complexity of the job. The Holiday Island Hikers obtained 501c3 tax status and is committed to raising and providing matching funds for grant solicitation.

Trail Maintenance:

The following is the memorandum of agreement between HISID and the Holiday Island Hikers relative to trail maintenance.

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into on this 27th day of May, 2016 by and between:

1. Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District #1, Holiday Island, AR; and
2. Holiday Island Hikers, Holiday Island, AR;

PURPOSE & SCOPE.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions, scope of work and responsibilities of the parties associated with the continued maintenance of the Holiday Island Hiking Trails project.

BACKGROUND.

Both parties see the benefits of the Holiday Island Hiking Trails project, have a desire to pursue the project, and understand the importance of having an organized effort in maintaining the trails once completed.

RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District #1 shall have the responsibility to undertake the following activities on approved and completed Holiday Island hiking trails under this MOA:
 - Holiday Island hiking trails will be inspected and evaluated at least twice yearly by District employees.
 - District employees will be utilized in situations where the maintenance concern exceeds the capability of the volunteer group. Examples include: Removing large blowdowns and storm debris, dealing with large scale wet areas and erosion, bridge repair and addressing any other safety and health concerns requiring the use of heavy equipment.
 - Maintain, repair, or replace as required any signage, pavilions, restrooms, benches, or picnic tables.

- Fill and grade gravel parking areas as required.

2. The Holiday Island Hikers shall have the responsibility to undertake the following activities on approved and completed Holiday Island hiking trails under this MOA:

- The Holiday Island Hikers will be responsible for routine maintenance. Examples include: brush clearing, litter collection and removal, and monitoring the trail and reporting problems requiring assistance or the unauthorized use of the trail by motorized vehicles.
- The Holiday Island Hikers will be responsible for the following yearly maintenance schedule:

Spring (March/April):

- Inspect trails
- Clean up winter and spring storm damage
- While hiking along water utility easements keep on the lookout for water system problems such as leaks and exposed manholes. Report problems to the Water Department.
- Plan new projects

Summer (May/June):

- Inspect trails
- While hiking along water utility easements keep on the lookout for water system problems such as leaks and exposed manholes. Report problems to the Water Department.
- Clear unwanted vegetation after spring and early summer growth
- Blaze new trails according to the approved master plan.

Fall (September/October):

- Inspect trails,
- While hiking along water utility easements keep on the lookout for water system problems such as leaks and exposed manholes. Report problems to the Water Department.
- Continue clean-up efforts as required
- Complete ongoing trail projects

Winter (Can be done in conjunction with hiking schedule):

- Inspect trails (as conditions permit)

HISID will provide at no cost meeting space for the Hiking Club to plan and organize activities.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties that the Hiking Club members are working on a volunteer basis and as such will have individually signed the appropriate volunteer worker waiver which will be kept on file at the HISID office.

FUNDING; COSTS.

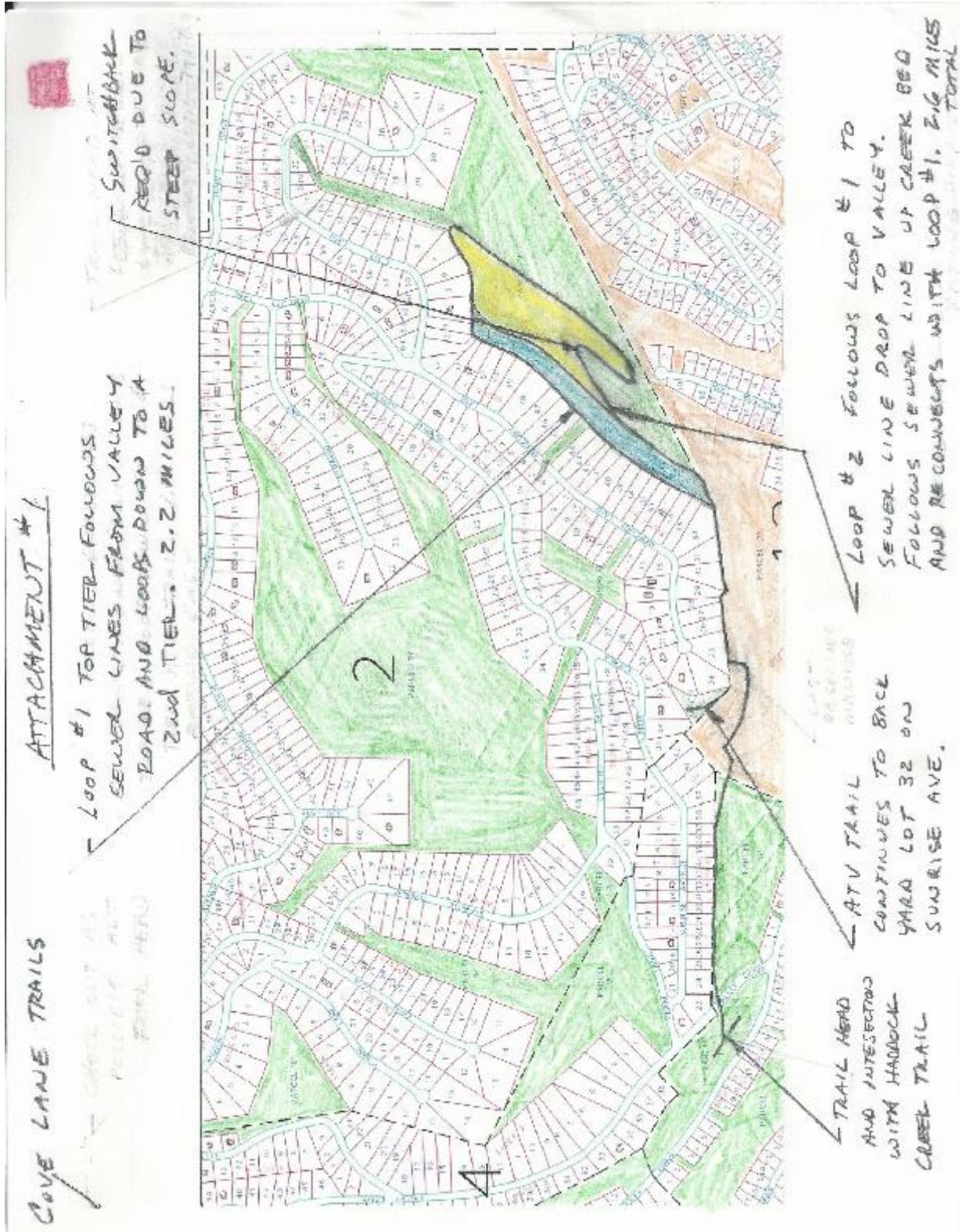
The parties shall each be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with their responsibilities under this MOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE.

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective upon the date of the last party to sign this MOA below. The parties indicate agreement with this Memorandum of Agreement by their signatures below.

Appendix

Trail Maps:



STARLITE TRAILS #1 STARTS AT WILD TURKEY, CROSSES STARLITE DRIVE, AND SWITCHES BACKS UP TO SEWER LINE ROAD, NOGS UP ONE TERRACE (MAY BE PLOTTED LOTS), LOOPS BACK TO SEWER LINE ROAD, BACK DOWN TO STARLITE. 2.1 MILES, MOD.

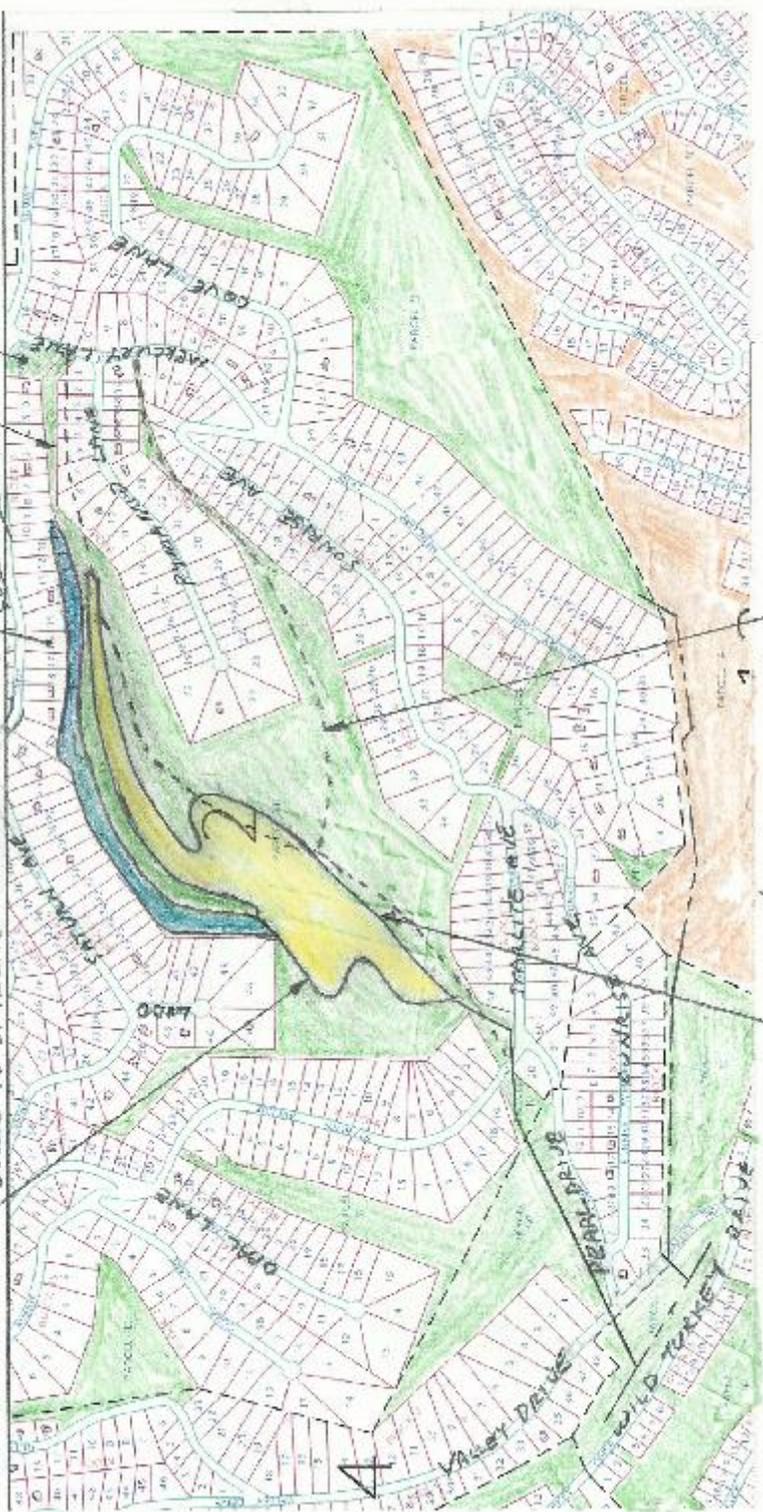
LOTS 300' DEEP

SOME ATV TRAFFIC ALONG SEWER LINE.

WATER TOWER

ATTACHMENT #2

SUMMIT DRIVE

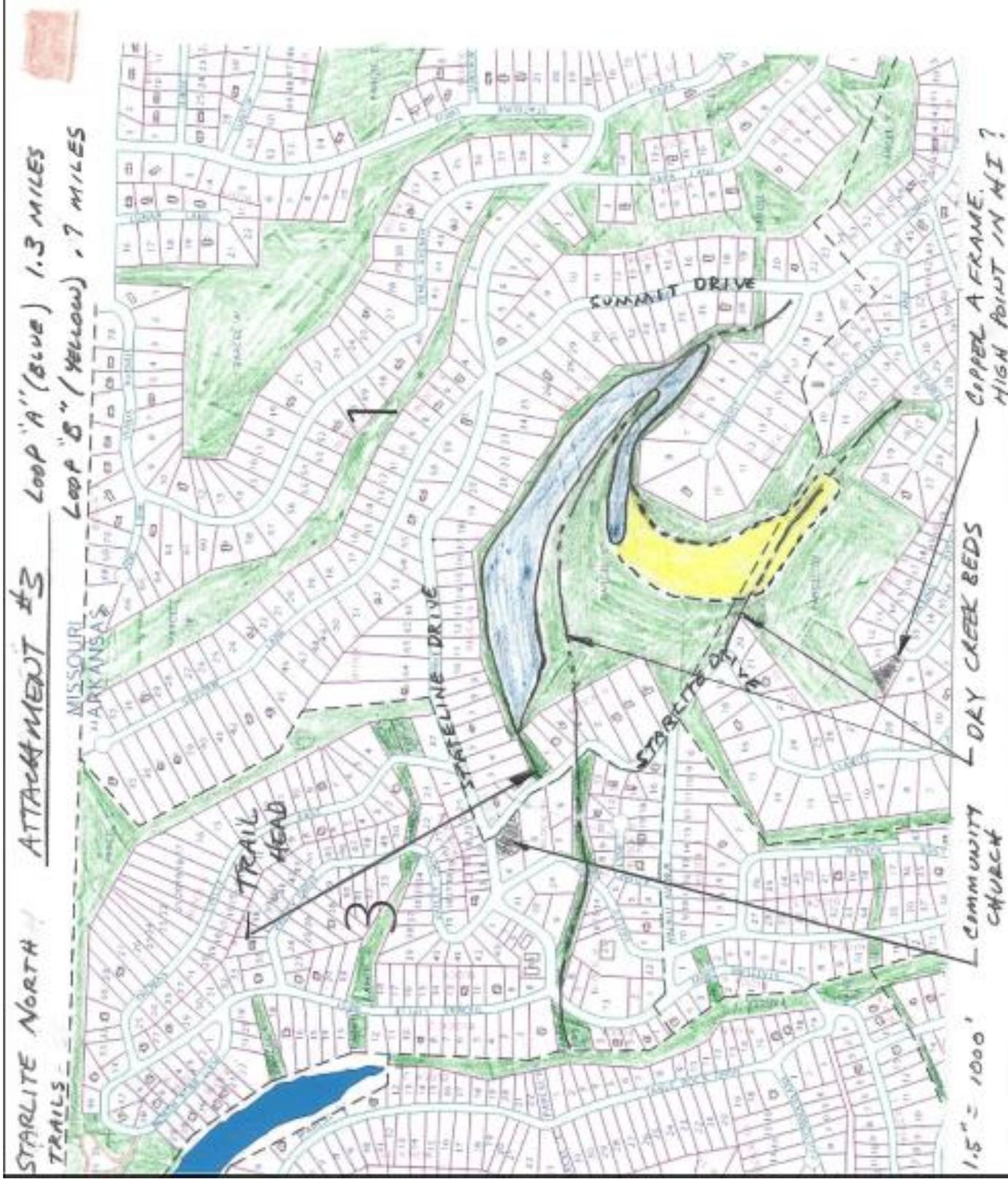


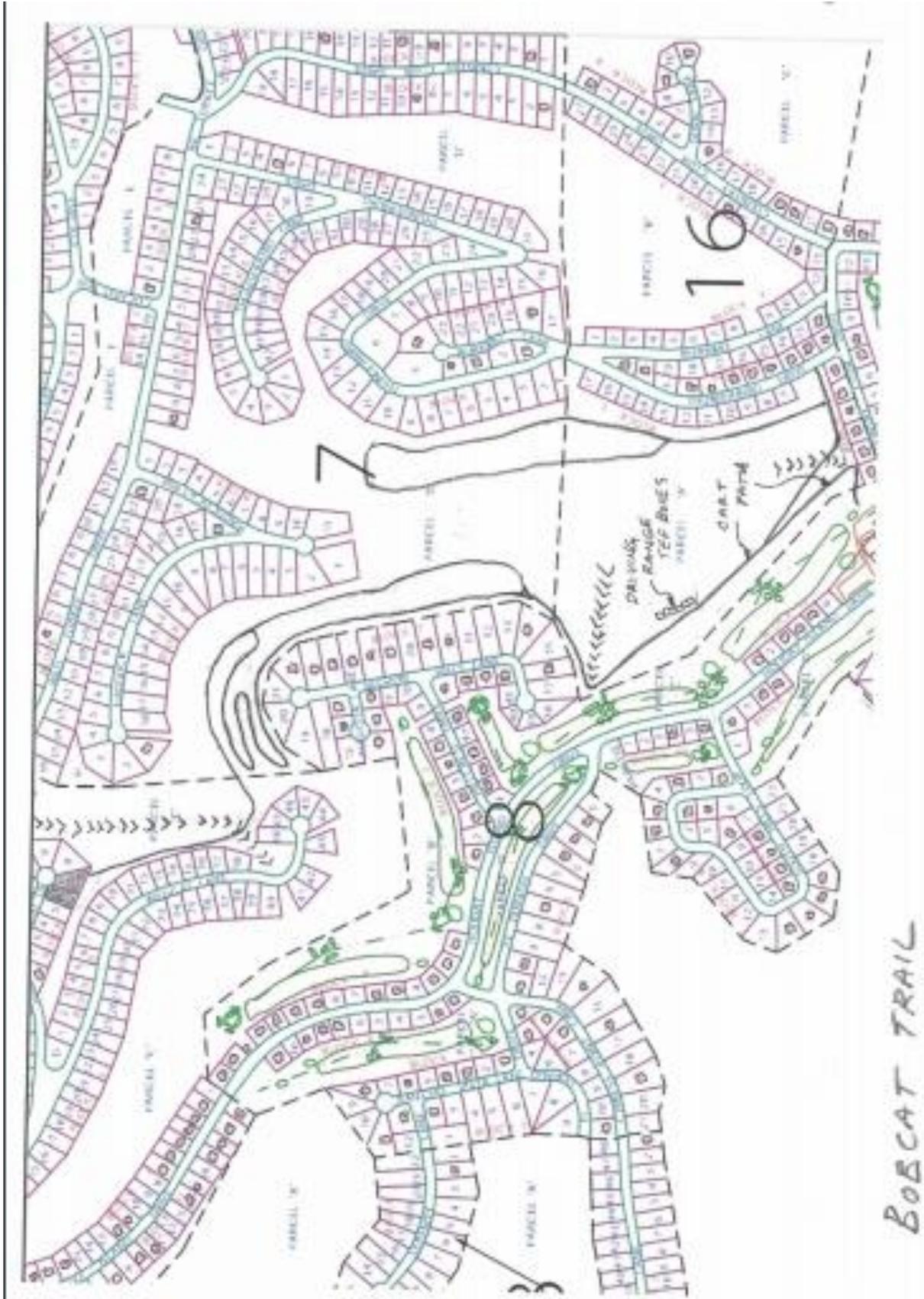
Loop #2 Follows Loop #1, LOOPS BACK ON LOWER TWO TERRACES, DROPS TO DRY CREEK BED. 3.0 MILES, MODERATE TOTAL

DRY CREEK BEDS

--- = DRY CREEK BED
 - - - = TRAIL

SCALE: 1" = 730' APPROX





BOECAT TRAIL

Cost Estimates:

Bobcat Trail Project Cost Estimate						
Task	Responsible	Project Cost				Total
		HISID	Grant	Donated		
				Cash/In kind	Labor	
Note: Donated labor @ \$10.00/hr per AHTD						
Secure lots on Bobcat cul de sac for trail head	Blood	\$100	-	-	-	\$100
Review sample bid package from AHTD	Blood/Kees	-	-	-	-	
Get quote from Progressive Trail Design to flag trail and develop bid package	Kees	-	-	-	-	
HISID Board approval to contract for trail design and bid package prep	Blood	-	-	-	-	
Flag proposed trail route. Record GPS and elevation data.	PTD/committee	\$2,000	-	-	-	\$2,000
Determine scope of work to be contracted. Finalize bid package	PTD/committee	\$3,000	-	-	-	\$3,000
Compile list of qualified bidders	Committee	-	-	-	-	
Review bid package with AHTD	Blood	-	-	-	-	
Advertise for bids (Arkansas Democrat Gazette)	Blood	-	-	-	-	
Submit bids to AHTD for review and selection (low bidder)	Blood	-	-	-	-	
Release contract	Blood	-	-	-	-	
Clear trail head parking area	HISID/Hikers	-	-	-	\$500	\$500
Gravel parking area (30 tons @ \$17.50/ton)	Hikers	-	-	\$534	-	\$534
Clear trail route brush and downed timber (160 hrs/20 man days)	Hikers	-	-	\$200	\$1,600	\$1,800
Cut trail into side slopes - create stone walkways over run off gullies	Contractor	\$2,400	\$24,000	-	-	\$26,400
Clear trail surface to mineral earth (400 hrs/ 50 man days)	Hikers	-	-	\$250	\$4,000	\$4,250
Build/ install benches	Hikers	-	-	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Install trail markers	HIHA/Hikers	-	-	\$200	\$160	\$360
Install trailhead signage	HIHA/Hikers	-	-	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200
Install road signage	HISID	\$1,000	-	-	-	\$1,000
Install gate	HISID/Hikers	-	-	\$250	\$100	\$350
Project totals		\$8,500	\$24,000	\$2,934	\$7,060	\$42,434
Financial totals						\$35,434
Donated labor total						\$7,060
Donated hrs total						706
Donated man days						68

Starlite North Trail Cost Estimate						
Task	Responsible	Project Cost				
		HISID	Grant	Donated		Total
				Cash/In kind	Labor	
Note: Donated labor @ \$10.00/hr per AHTD						
Flag proposed trail route. Record GPS and elevation data.	Volunteers	-	-	-	\$200	\$200
Clear trail route of brush/fallen trees/etc.	Volunteers				\$2,400	\$2,400
Clear trail head parking area	Volunteers	-	-	-	\$500	\$500
Set posts for gate (chain) and sign	HISID	\$250				\$250
Install chain and motorized vehicle sign at trailhead	Volunteers			\$40	\$100	\$140
Install culvert for parking area	HISID	\$1,000				\$1,000
Gravel parking area (30 tons @ \$17.50/ton)	HISID/volunteers	\$534	-		\$240	\$774
Build stone bench	Volunteers				\$160	\$160
Install trail markers	HIHA/Hikers	-	-	\$200	\$160	\$360
Install trailhead signage	HIHA/Hikers	-	-	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200
Project totals		\$1,784	\$0	\$1,240	\$3,960	\$6,984
Financial totals						\$3,024
Donated labor total						\$3,960
Donated hrs total						396
Donated man days						50
Project completed for ribbon cutting Labor Day 2016						

Letters of Support/ Awards



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, Midwest Region
801 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

IN REPLY REFER TO:

October 1, 2015

Dan Kees, Project Manager
Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District
120 Holiday Island Drive
Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631

Dear Dan,

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce an award of technical planning assistance to the Holiday Island Hiking Trails project. Assistance will be provided during the 2016 federal fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2015, and ends September 30, 2016.

While we expect the local partnership will lead the project and make key decisions, we will work with you to develop an overall planning process and will focus attention on those assistance categories specifically identified in your application, including helping the partnership to: determine appropriate trails design and access, identify and analyze obstacles and possible resolutions, prioritize goals and create an action plan for objectives to achieve those goals, engage the community and key stakeholders, and identify funding (and additional expertise where needed).

My contact information is provided below. Like all RTCA staff members, I manage several projects concurrently throughout the year. In striving to meet the collective needs of all my partners, I will be as flexible as possible in meeting your own project needs. I will contact you soon to discuss the project and schedule a start-up meeting. However, due to my current workload with existing projects and assisting projects in other regions, I likely won't be able to provide more substantial assistance on the Holiday Island Trails project until winter or spring 2016.

Award Requirements

In return for NPS technical assistance, we ask the following of project partners during our work together:

- Participate with RTCA to develop an annual work plan that identifies specific roles and tasks for project partners, public involvement and specific RTCA assistance;
- Identify and commit significant time and resources (financial, in-kind, overhead, etc.) along with other project partners, to match our assistance;
- Acknowledge and credit NPS RTCA assistance in press releases, promotional materials, trailhead and trail welcoming signs, maps, and publications such as newsletters, surveys, brochures, and final planning documents;
- Provide copies of print and media news to RTCA staff;

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October 11, 2016

Mr. Lawrence Blood
District Manager
Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District
110 Wooddale Drive
Holiday Island, AR 72631

Dear Mr. Blood:

Reference is made to your application for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding for the Bubcat Hiking Trail project. We are pleased to inform you that this project has been selected to receive \$24,000 in Federal funding for construction.

A program kick-off meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Central Office, located at 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209 (Exit 130 off of Interstate 30). The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the 10-story building. It is required that the person in charge of the project attend this meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Daniel Siskowski, Staff Local Federal-Aid Project Administration Engineer, at (501) 569-2261.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.
Director of Highways
and Transportation

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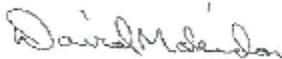
Subject: Letter of Endorsement-Holiday Island Trails Plan Assistance Request

Dear Mr. Headland:

As the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID) and as a member of the Holiday Island Hiking Club, I want to personally endorse the effort by Mr. Dan Kees in soliciting support from the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program. The purpose of said support is to assist Holiday Island in its efforts to develop a Hiking Trails Master Plan. The assistance from your office will prove to be immeasurable in making this project a success. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Should you need clarification or additional information in our application please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,



David Makidon
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

HOLIDAY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P. O. Box 3152, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631
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July 21, 2015

Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District
Board of Commissioners

In connection with the goals of the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce to promote the community, the businesses, and to proactively participate in projects that improve the community, this is to express our support for the development of a Holiday Island Trails Master Plan.

The addition of a series of hiking and biking trails in Holiday Island would enhance the quality of life for its residents and guests by providing access to our beautiful and scenic conservation areas.

The trails would also attract visitors to the area who would patronize local businesses, as well as provide potential new property owners and residents. We believe hiking and biking will grow to a preferred recreational activity, and therefore support the Trails Master Plan.

Sincerely,



Mike Boley, President

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Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631
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Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District
Board of Commissioners
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Part of the mission of the Holiday Island Hospitality Association is to promote the health, welfare, and recreation of and for the residents of Holiday Island. As such the association is very much interested in the trails project being investigated. Each year our organization provides financial resources as well as hundreds of volunteer hours maintaining many of public areas in Holiday Island. We have recently undertaken projects to improve the swimming pools and camp grounds in order to make these amenities more enjoyable for our residents and guests. It is our way of promoting the kind of healthy lifestyle people have come to desire and expect.

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association can provide assistance in promotion of the project, solicitation of public support, and providing volunteers to do trail mapping. We look forward to seeing the project move forward.

Feel free to contact me if you need additional information or assistance.

Regards,



Ben Helmer, Vice-President
Holiday Island Hospitality Association



Lona Noonan, Treasurer
Holiday Island Hospitality Association

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Suburban Improvement District**

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July 10, 2015

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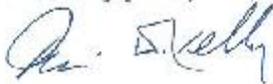
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Dear Mr. Headland:

This will serve to endorse and support the application presented to your office regarding assistance in developing a Trails Master Plan format. It is the intent of the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID), in cooperation with the Holiday Island Hiking Club, to engage in developing a Hiking Trails Master Plan. The assistance from your office will be invaluable in making this project a success.

Should you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis W. Kelly
District Manager

HOLIDAY ISLAND SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R7

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S RIVERS, TRAILS & CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,

WHEREAS, the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District #1(HISID) desires to participate in the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program, and

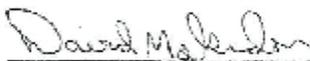
WHEREAS, HISID, in cooperation with the Holiday Island Hiking Club, is proposing an application seeking support from the National Park Service for assistance in creating a Hiking Trail Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, said assistance will provide the necessary guidance in developing a Hiking Trail Master Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HISID, CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

1. That they fully endorse and support the application for assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program for the stated purpose of providing guidance and counsel in developing a Hiking Trail Master Plan.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF July, 2015.


David Makidon, Chairman


Linda Graves, Secretary

(SEAL)



Holiday Island Hikers
120 Holiday Island Drive
Holiday Island, Ar. 72631

Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District

Board of Commissioners

110 Woodsdale Drive

Holiday Island, Ar. 72631

June 19th, 2015

Dear Commissioners:

The Holiday Island Hikers organization is excited about the prospect of having more hiking opportunities close to home. Although there are some trails in Eureka Springs and Berryville, we regularly have to travel 1-2 hours away from home to find interesting trails to hike without having to repeat the same hike many times per season. And given that these will also be biking trails, I am quite sure that several of our members will also use them for biking.

Our club has already been involved in the project having done the initial exploration of the conservation areas as well as providing a scoping report to the District Manager. We would intend to continue to support the project by assisting in more accurately mapping the proposed trails and providing volunteer help to build the trails. And since we already provide assistance with the landscaping and maintenance of the Leatherwood Walking Track in Holiday Island, we could also provide volunteer assistance in maintaining a more extensive hiking-biking trail system.

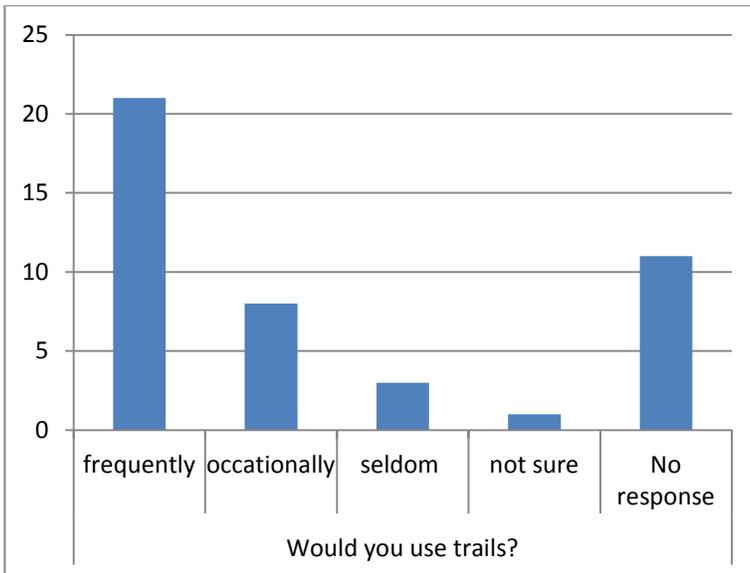
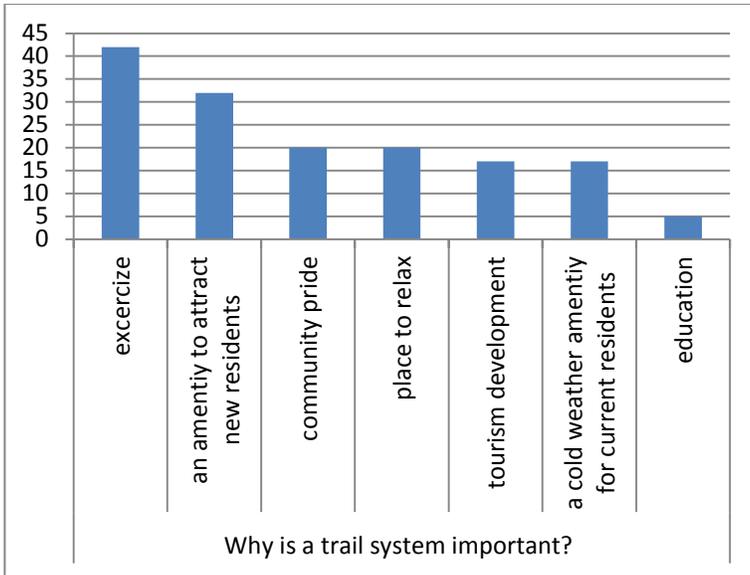
Therefore we actively endorse the creation of a Trails Master Plan for Holiday Island. And we look forward to helping make this project a success.

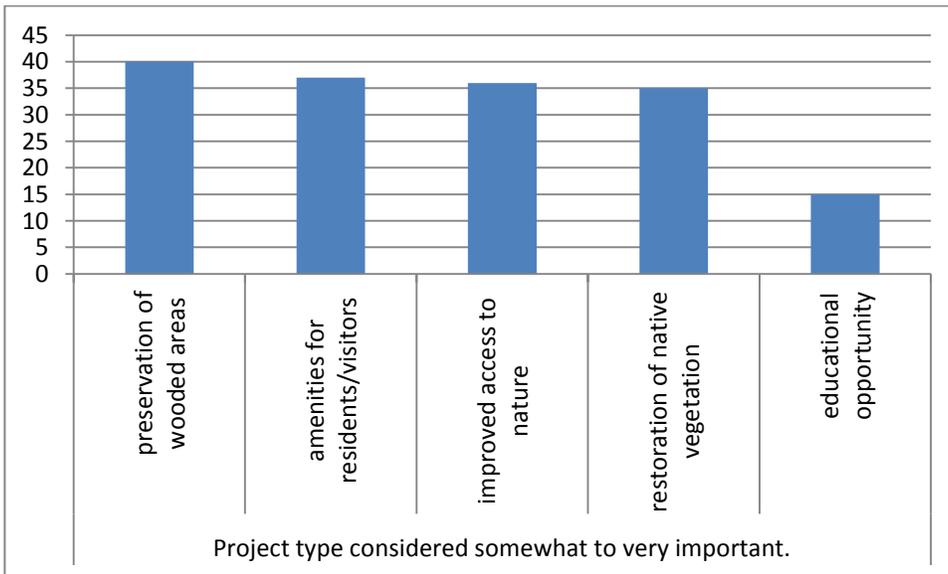
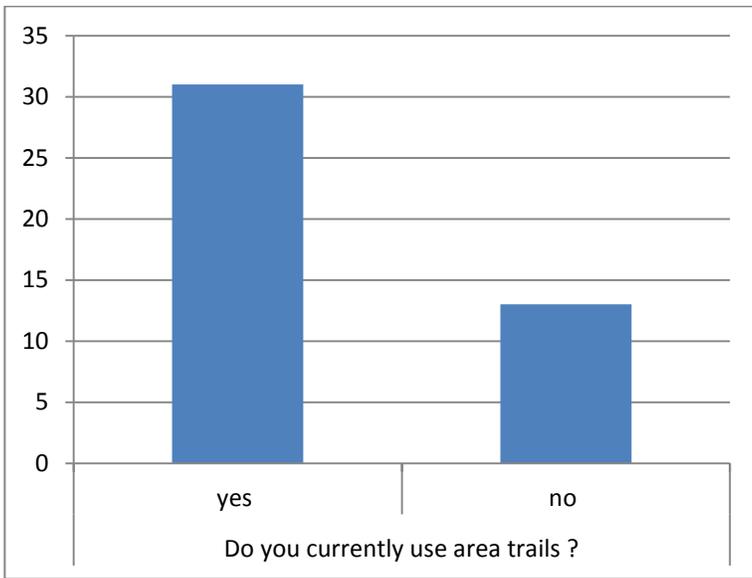
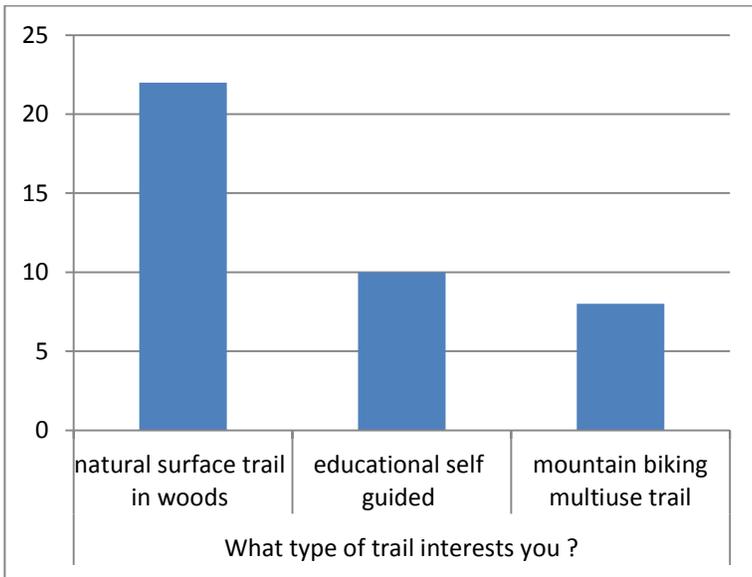

Dan Kees

Hike Coordinator

Cc: Dennis Kelly – District Manager

Survey Results:





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"An explorer and her faithful companion"