

# ***Holiday Island Trails***

## **Master Plan**

Updated 8-12-19



*"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 is necessary for the future growth of Holiday Island to keep pace with this trend.

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and the Arkansas Department of Transportation have assisted Holiday Island in planning and executing 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 will be an ongoing inventory of homes for sale in Holiday Island. The trail project will greatly improve the ability of local realtors to sell these properties.
- Access to trails will help 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 Haddock Lane. 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 Haddock Lane Trail is accessed from the parking lot at the 18-hole golf course, and trailheads on Haddock Lane and Thunderbird Drive. 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 on Valley Drive, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 trail head on Valley Drive 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 3<sup>rd</sup> terrace which parallels loop #1. At approximately the same point as the far end of loop #1, loop #2 would drop down to a 4<sup>th</sup> 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 from the Holiday Island Hikers. 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.

***Haddock Lane Trail: (Built in 2018 – 2019)***

Previously called the Bobcat Trails, the Haddock Lane Trail has three starting points; a trailhead on Thunderbird Drive just south of Country Club Drive, the clubhouse parking lot, and a trailhead on Haddock Lane. Starting from either Thunderbird or the clubhouse, the trail goes down to the golf course driving range. At the driving range, following a clockwise route on the trail, the trail goes into the wooded area behind the tee boxes and winds along the base of a steep hill eventually reaching a 180 degree turn where the trail continues down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> terrace. At the end of this loop, the trail narrows to single track where steps take you down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> terrace. Near the end of the trail on the 3<sup>rd</sup> terrace there is an intersection where the trail either goes out to the Haddock Lane trailhead or down to the creek. Following the trail down to the creek, when facing the creek, the trail goes left following the creek to a dead end at the creek. Coming back then along the creek, the trail follows the creek to the driving range crossing the range along a protective net. The trail then continues into the woods along the creek and eventually switches back up to the tee box area and returning up to Thunderbird or the club house.



*"Fall Beauty"*

*"Haddock Lane Trailhead"*

*"After the Rain"*

Starting at the Thunderbird Trailhead the entire trail is 2.7 miles with 456 ft. of elevation change making the trail moderate to difficult for some hikers. The recommended starting point is the Haddock Lane Trailhead which by eliminating the leg from the driving range to Thunderbird reduces the distance to 2.5 miles and the elevation

change to 256 ft. making the hike more moderate for most people. From Haddock Lane hikers can opt to make the complete loop, go down and follow the creek to the driving range and back as an in-out, or follow the trail up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> terraces to the driving range again as an in-out. Long term there is a plan to provide a four-passenger golf cart to shuttle people from the clubhouse parking lot down to the driving range.

The Haddock Lane Trail was built by volunteers from the Holiday Island Hikers with assistance from HISID and financial support from Robert and Sheila Wolf of Wolf Wellness and a grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

*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 and Haddock Lane trails are included in the appendix. Since these trails are complete this represents the actual cost and volunteer hours to build the trails.

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.

**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 80/20 match Recreational Trails Grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation was used to help construct the Haddock Lane trail. Future 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)

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

**FUNDING; COSTS.**

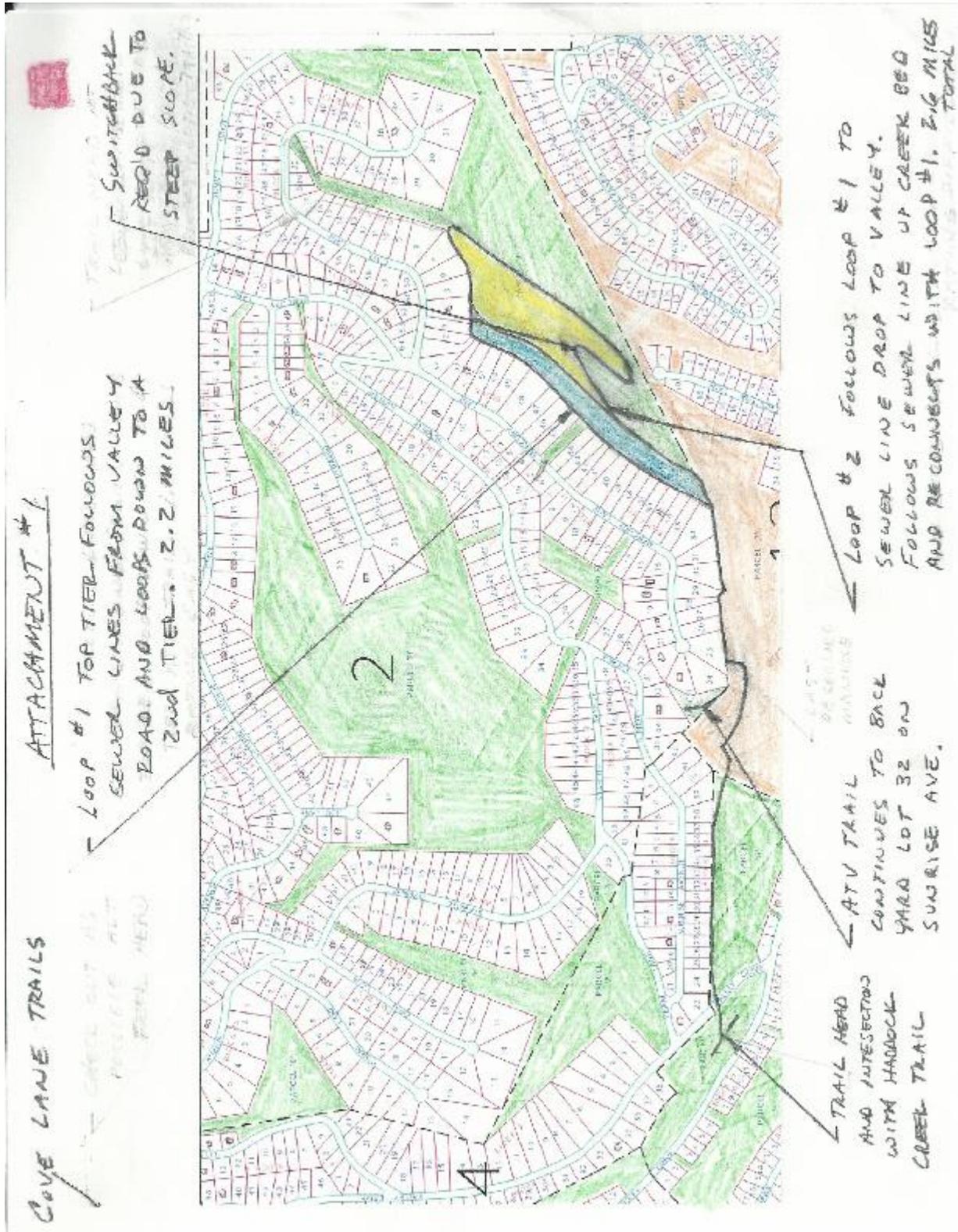
The parties shall each be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with their responsibilities under this MOA.

**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:



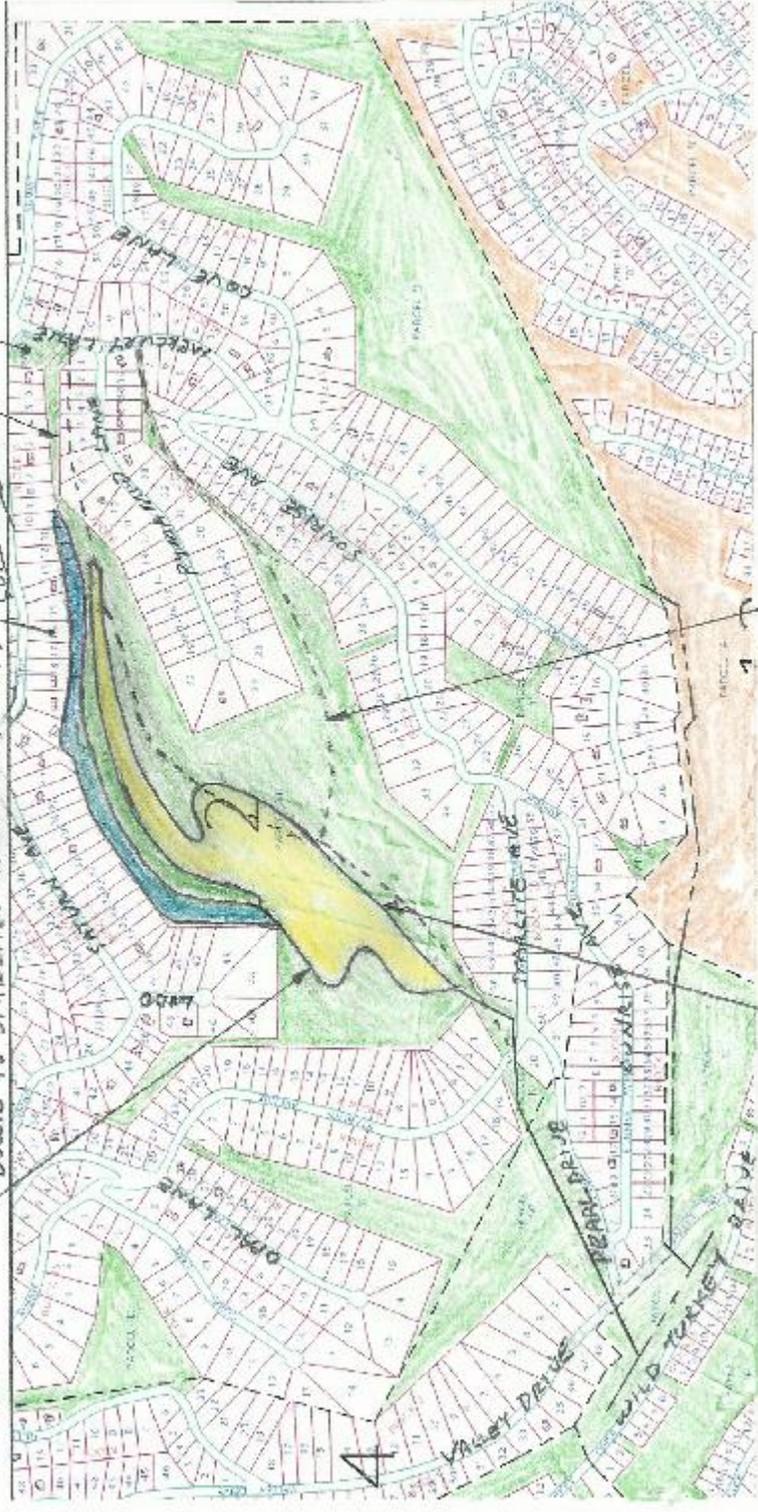
STARLITE TRAILS #1 STARTS AT WILD TURKEY, CROSSES STARLITE DRIVE, AND SWITCHES BACKS UP TO SEWER LINE ROAD, NOGS UP ONE TERRACE (MAY BE PLOTTED LOTS), LOOPS BACK TO SEWER LINE ROAD, BACK DOWN TO STARLITE. 2.1 MILES, MOD.

LOTS 300' DEEP

SOME ATV TRAFFIC ALONG SEWER LINE.

WATER TOWER

ATTACHMENT #2

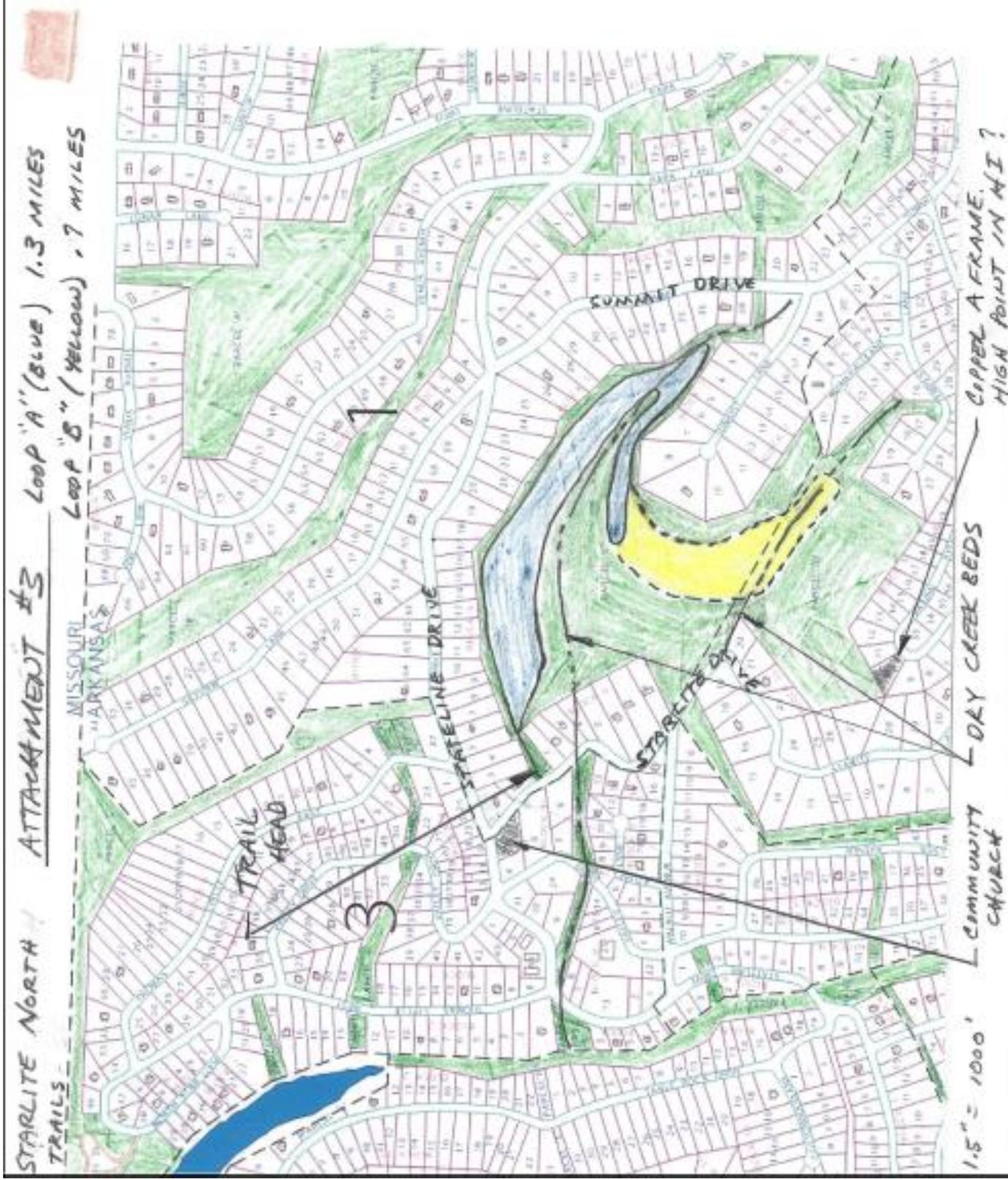


Loop #2 Follows Loop #1, LOOPS BACK ON LOWER TWO TERRACES, DROPS TO DRY CREEK BED. 3.0 MILES, MODERATE TOTAL

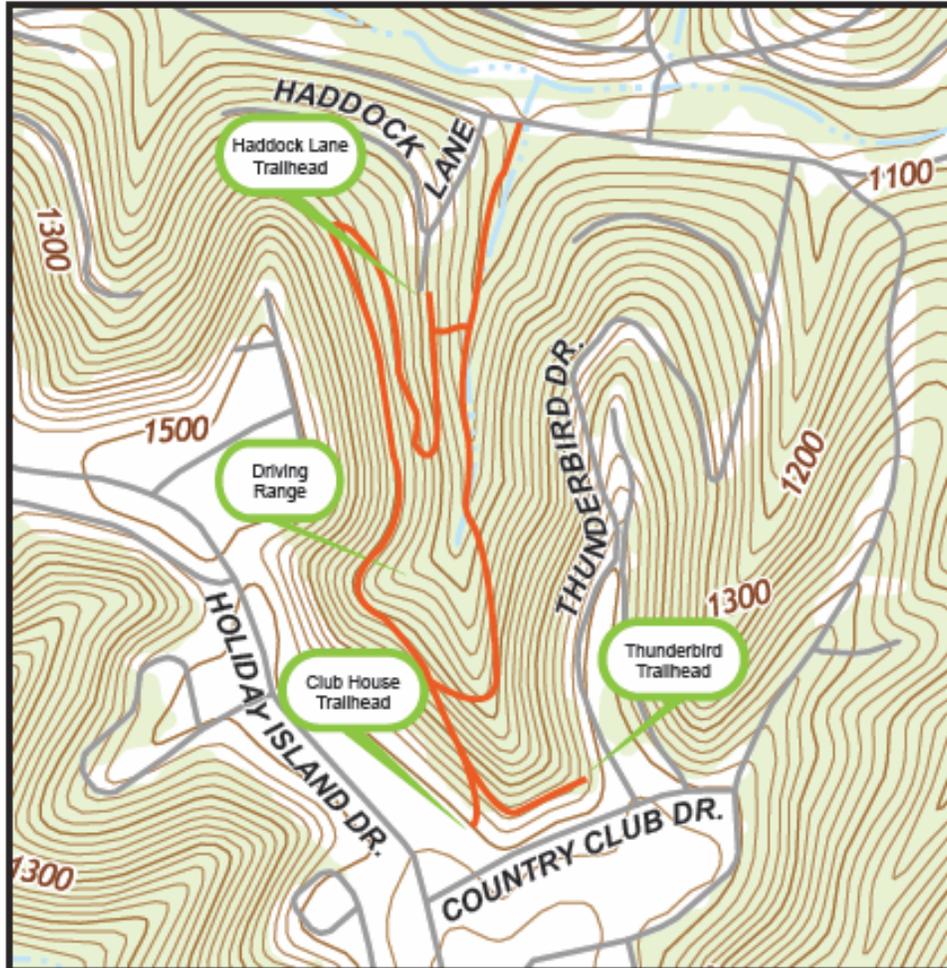
DRY CREEK BEDS

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

SCALE: 1" = 730' APPROX



# HADDOCK LANE TRAILHEAD



TRAIL 2.6 MILES WITH 456FT. OF ELEVATION CHANGE.  
STARTING AT THE DRIVING RANGE OR HADDOCK LANE TRAILHEAD  
REDUCES ELEVATION CHANGE TO 275FT.  
GOLF CARTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB HOUSE TO  
START HIKE AT THE DRIVING RANGE.

***GO TO PRO SHOP FOR INFORMATION***

## DONORS - VOLUNTEERS

Wolf Wellness Center - Holiday Island Hikers  
Holiday Island Hospitality Association  
Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District  
Arkansas Department of Transportation

## Cost Estimates:

### Haddock Lane Project Final Cost Breakdown

	Expense	Material	Equipment	Labor	Total
Trail construction					
Lone Wolf Dirtwork Inc	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Worley's Rental	\$691.09				\$691.09
LFS netting	\$3,750.00				\$3,750.00
HISID	\$0.00			\$1,287.04	\$1,287.04
Sub total	\$6,441.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,287.04	\$7,728.13
Signage					
Lone Wolf Dirtwork Inc		\$8,695.99	\$0.00	\$3,726.86	\$12,422.85
Wicker Walker Printing	\$964.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$964.98
Sub total	\$964.98	\$8,695.99	\$0.00	\$3,726.86	\$13,387.83
Misc purchases					
Powell's	\$1.00	\$1,445.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,446.79
Meeks	\$1.00	\$341.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$342.12
HISID	\$1.00	\$1,480.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,481.06
Subtotal	\$3.00	\$3,266.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,269.97
Volunteer contribution summary					
Holiday Island Hiker's Labor @ \$10.00/hr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,890.00	\$3,890.00
Holiday Island Hikers Expense	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Holiday Island Hikers Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,788.92	\$0.00	\$2,788.92
Subtotal	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$2,788.92	\$3,890.00	\$6,679.92
Total Project Cost	\$7,410.07	\$11,962.96	\$2,788.92	\$8,903.90	\$31,065.85

### HISID Project cash Flow

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Payments to vendors & contractors	\$21,617.83	
HISID employee labor cost	-\$1,287.04	
HISID materials cost	-\$1,481.06	
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Total cash outlay	\$24,385.93	
Grant reimbursement	\$24,000.00	
HISID net project cash flow	-\$385.93	(Holiday Island Hikers to reimburse HISID)

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
<b>Project completed for ribbon cutting Labor Day 2016</b>						

## 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

- cc: Highway Commission
- Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer
- Deputy Director and Chief Engineer
- Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning
- Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations
- Program Management
- Construction
- Environmental

**Holiday Island**  
**Suburban Improvement District**

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July 10, 2015

Mr. Guy Headland, RLA  
National Park Service  
Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program  
411 Vol Walker Hall  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

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**  
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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

**Holiday Island Hospitality Association, Inc.  
P. O. Box 3236  
Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631  
479-270-6495**

7-25-15

Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District  
Board of Commissioners  
110 Woodsdale Drive  
Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631

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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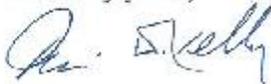
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Dear Mr. Headland:

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

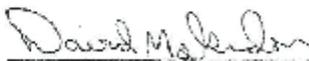
WHEREAS, HISID, in cooperation with the Holiday Island Hiking Club, is proposing an application seeking support from the National Park Service for assistance in creating a Hiking Trail Master Plan, and

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

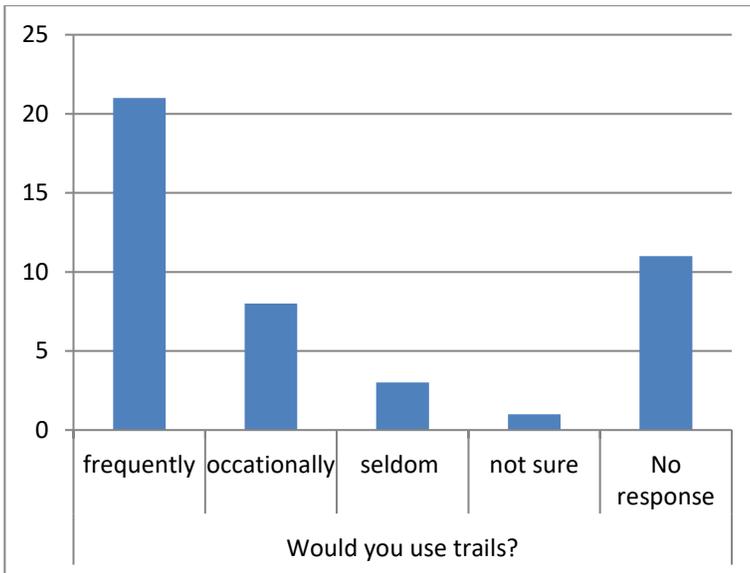
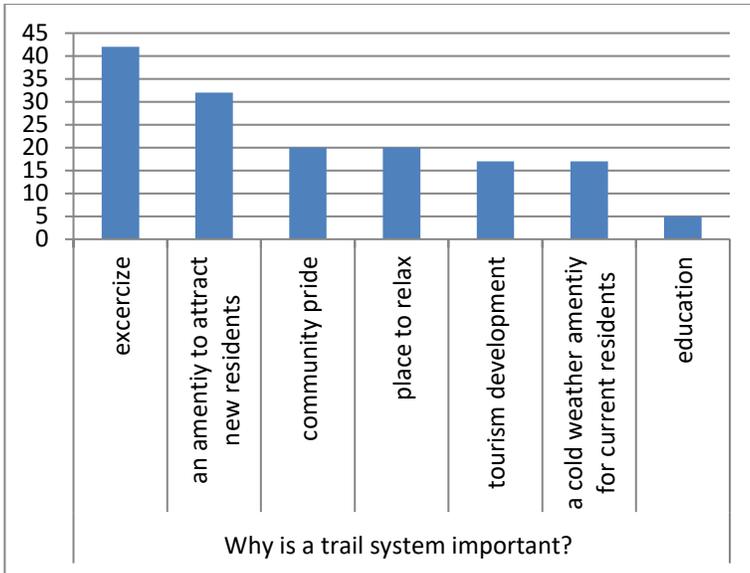
Therefore we actively endorse the creation of a Trails Master Plan for Holiday Island. And we look forward to helping make this project a success.

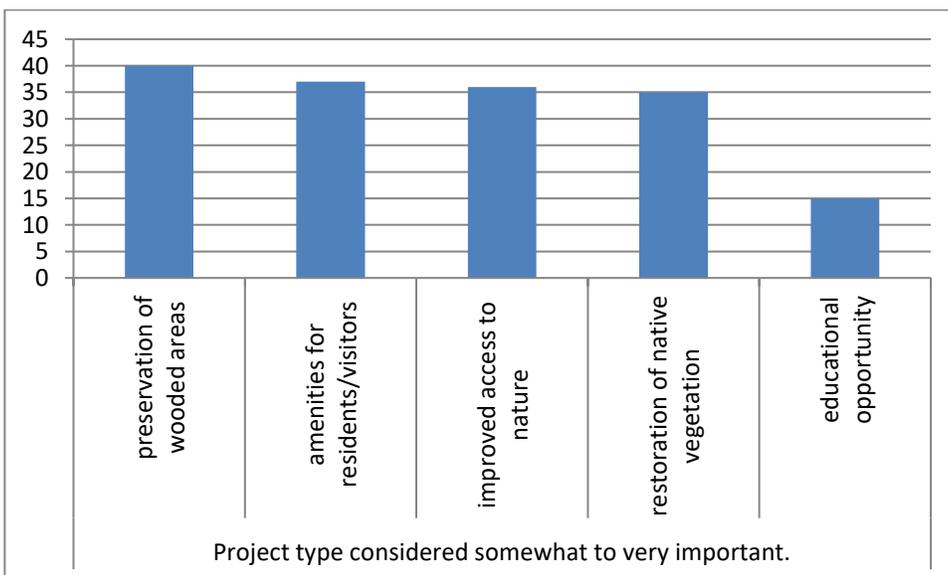
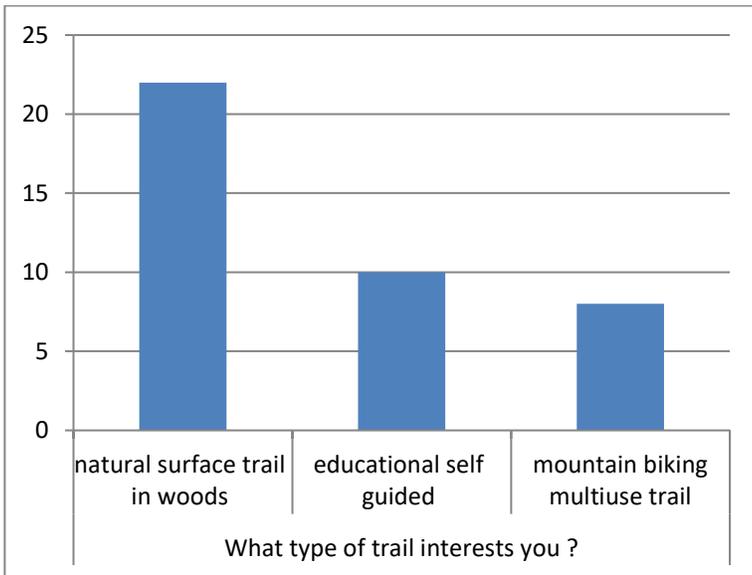
  
Dan Kees

Hike Coordinator

Cc: Dennis Kelly – District Manager

## Survey Results:





## Acknowledgements:

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*"An explorer and her faithful companion"*