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Date: February 14, 2019

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Joshua Durand, Parks Superintendent

From: Van Le, AICP, R&M Consultants, Inc.

Project: Action Item: **PRC 19-02: Chester Creek Singletrack Trail Proposal**

Introduction

Anchorage Parks and Recreation is exploring options for an urban singletrack trail for mountain biking along sections of the existing Chester Creek Trail, from Valley of the Moon Park to Goose Lake Park.

Project Summary:

- Funding: 2017 Parks Bond \$150k (minus 2% admin fees);
- This project is community driven by Zack Fields and Christina Grande (Board member of Singletrack Advocates);
- Concept is to utilize existing social trails adjacent to the Chester Creek Trail to construct and sign new multi-use singletrack mountain bike trails, targeting beginner to intermediate skill levels;
- Status so far: Brad Muir, our Natural Resource Manager has walked the area with Zack and identified preferred areas for the new trails to be built in 2019, however the site visit showed that most of the proposed trails are not actually adjacent to the Chester Creek trail as originally intended due to constructability (wetlands, etc). Proposed trail concepts were developed and presented to the community at a public open house on January 24, 2019.
- Through a concept development process with a trail design/builder, the project advisory group, and the community, we have identified a 2.5 miles of trail segments to be constructed in 2019 using a contractor and 2 weeks of YEP time for \$100,000.

Background

Community bike commuters and bicycling as a mode choice advocates Representative Zack Fields and Christina Grande began the planning and community outreach for this project as a grassroots effort, borne from their desire to see the existing social trails along Chester Creek Trail develop into formal singletrack trails that are within the urban spine of Anchorage. Support for the concept was generated from neighboring North Star and Fairview Community Councils, and the Park and Recreation Commission ([PRC 17-11 Feb. 9, 2017](#)). Downtown and Fairview Assembly Representative Christopher Constant supported the project for the 2018 Anchorage Bonds. In April 2018, Anchorage voters approved a \$150,000 Municipal Park Bond for the project planning, design and construction.

Purpose

This project has been developed as a response to the growing demand for local multi-use singletrack natural trails to provide more accessible mountain biking options for beginner riders and commuters who ride year round. There is a desire to ride from door to trail without having to drive a mountain bike to the established singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park, Hillside or in Kincaid Park. This urban singletrack multi-use trail would provide children and adults who do not have access or the ability to drive their bike to experience singletrack directly from their neighborhoods, creating a more inclusive and inviting recreation opportunity.

Urban singletrack can expose younger, beginner riders, and others who may be uninterested in the more advanced and isolated trails in Kincaid, Hillside and FNBP to a more welcoming, simpler place to ride. The proposed urban singletrack segments are accessed from and are in close proximity to the existing paved, lit and highly used Chester Creek Trail; providing increased safety through visibility and the variety of active uses in the corridor, compared to other established singletrack within the Municipality. The accessibility of Chester Creek and its familiarity to many residents who live near the trails is a benefit for many types of trail users.

Multi-Use Versatility:

While this project was advocated for by the mountain bike community, the versatility of singletrack trails makes them appreciated by a wide assortment of user groups and skill levels. Singletrack trails increase the accessibility of natural areas for a wide variety of outdoor activities such as walking, dog walking, bird-watching, trail running, snow shoeing, etc.

Singletrack trails within the Chester Creek Greenbelt will increase the appeal of the corridor by providing families with a variety of options for exploration throughout the corridor and activities within the parks it connects. Parents will be able to walk, run or ride the trails while kids participate in organized sports at the Chester Creek Sports Complex, Davenport Fields, or Tikishla Park. Children can enjoy the trails by mountain biking, hiking and learning about the outdoors with their parents, then visit the playgrounds or nearby sports centers or local businesses, etc. Bicycle commuters, recreation riders, runners and hikers alike will have a secondary option for traveling the corridor when the paved pathway is crowded and congested, groomed for skiing, blocked by a moose or other wildlife, or when users want a more challenging experience on a dirt trail.

Demand for Urban Singletrack or Soft-Surface Natural Trails

With the popularity of the established singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) and Kincaid Park and with existing social trails along Chester Creek Trail, there is demand for more 4-season, multi-use trail alternatives to the wide-corridor Nordic ski trails. The percentage of winter-use fat bikers is rapidly growing. There is a demand to provide multi-use winter trails that would support fat biking. The existing singletrack trails in FNBP and Kincaid have thus far withstood thousands of users from various recreational backgrounds. The highly successful Mighty Bikes youth mountain bike program has grown from 10 kids in 2000 when the program started to 300 kids (plus a waitlist), and 50 volunteer coaches in 2018. There are opportunities to grow the program to include riding along these proposed singletrack trails along Chester Creek. Partnerships with bicycle stores, Boys and Girls Clubs and the Salvation Army youth programming are being explored.

Planning and Public Involvement

After the bonds passed in April 2018, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) began the process of getting the project from a vision to a reality in October 2018. PRD Staff walked the proposed corridor, identifying constraints including physical and natural (wetlands,

topography, drainage, creek crossings), and social constraints (proximity to residents, illegal campsites, trail intersection/sight lines).

An Advisory Group was formed in the fall of 2018 from interested residents, trail users, bicycle commuters for this 2018-2019 Chester Creek Urban Singletrack project to guide its development.

Advisory Committee Members:

▪ Mark Melchert	▪ David Slyker
▪ Andy Risberg	▪ Chris Brehmer
▪ Mark Henspeter	▪ Zack Fields
▪ Irene Turletes	▪ Christina Grande
▪ Tyndall Ellis	▪ Hans Thompson
▪ Heather Kimball	

Outreach and Notifications Summary:

Date	Outreach	Outreach Objective
12/12/18	Advisory Group Meeting 1	Provide support and feedback to PRC and Project Team
12/29/2018	Postcard Mailer – Invite to Open House to 589 residents	Notification of Project, Open House and information on project website
12/20/18	Project Website from Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department: http://bit.ly/ccsingletrack	Project information, contact information, public engagement opportunities, background documents, Open House graphics including proposed route concept maps and boards
01/2019	Facebook Event Created and Advertisement push to over 14,000	Reached over 14,000

Date	Outreach	Outreach Objective
12/26/18	Federation of Community Councils E-Notice	Email invitation for Open House sent to full FCC contact list
1/7/2019	E-Newsletter to email list (356 emails)	Notification of Project, Open House and information on project website
1/14/19	Federation of Community Councils E-Notice #2	Email invitation for Open House sent to full FCC contact list
1/21/19	Reminder of Open House e-newsletter	Reminder of Open House
1/21/19	Anchorage Daily News story	“Proposed mountain bike trail in the Chester Creek greenbelt is seen as a crime deterrent” by Devin Kelley of ADN
1/24/19	Outdoor Explorer Interview on KSKA Alaska Public News Media with Host Lisa Keller	Christina Grande and Maeve NevinsLavtar provided an overview of the project’s origins, notification of open house
1/24/19	Open House with 110 people signing in	Proposed route review and feedback

Open House Graphics (Available on Website):

- Concept and Proposed Trail Route Map
- Example trail features board
- Example Class 3 Trail from 2011 FNB Plan
- FACT Sheet
- Schedule

Attendees of the public open house and commenters overwhelmingly support the proposed integration of single track trails into the Chester Creek Greenbelt between Valley of the Moon

Park and Goose Lake Park. Discussions on what Class level the trails should be built at proved a point of contention; some attendees want the trails to remain narrow social trails to maintain the 'in the woods' feeling while others support the trails being wide enough for multi-use and two way passing. Beginner to intermediate skill level is preferred by most attendees with an expressed desire for the development of skill loops in spurs off the main single track areas. Concerns were voiced over the illegal camps in the greenbelt and how these trails may or may not impact the people who inhabit them. Overall, the community feedback on adding singletrack trails in the Chester Creek greenbelt has been positive.

A Letter of Support for this project by Representative Zack Fields, Senator Tom Begich, Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson, Representative Harriet Drummond, Representative Geran Tarr and Representative Andy Josephson was received by the Parks and Recreation Department on January 24, 2019. See Attached Letter for Reference.

Project Details

Approximately 2.5 miles of singletrack trail segments are proposed as an extension and alternative to the existing Chester Creek Trail from Valley of the Moon Park to Goose Lake Park. Most of the proposed singletrack trail segments would be improvements to existing social trails, using their current alignment. See Concept and Proposed Trail Route Map for trail locations and alignments. The new trails would be developed using the Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Plan defined standard Trail Class 3 to Trail Class 4 design definitions. Trail Class 3 typically has a design tread width of 18" - 30" for one lane and 48" - 60" for two lane travel with passing lanes. As the proposed trails are intended for two-way, multi-directional travel, the higher width standard will be adhered to. While this project is still conceptual, it can be assumed that additional vegetation clearing will extend 12" – 18" beyond the surface tread width and approximately 8' above the ground.

The proposed multi-use trails will improve the overall flow and safety of trail intersections within the Chester Creek greenbelt and the circulation patterns, especially in summer as congestion has resulted in safety concerns by all types of trail users. Intersections with the paved Chester Creek Trail and the existing social trails are currently unmarked and unregulated. Formalizing the social trails into dedicated multi-use singletrack trails will allow for wayfinding and traffic control signs to be posted, improving safety of users on both the paved and singletrack trails. New and updated trail map kiosk and wayfinding signs would also be added.

Types of Users to Benefit from this project:

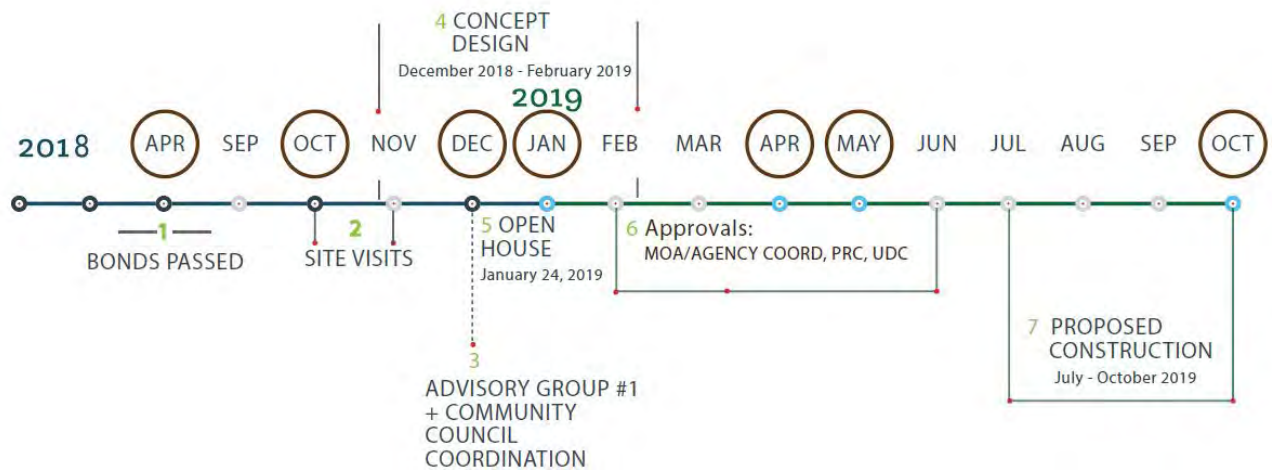
The main users would be mountain bikers, fat tire cyclists, hikers, runners, dog walkers, bird and wildlife viewers, classic skiers, and snowshoers. The project would be a particular benefit to all Anchorage residents and especially those who use the Chester Creek greenbelt, or who do not have accessibility to the FNBP or Hillside trail systems that are beyond the main non-motorized transportation network.

Anticipated Benefits from this project:

1. Diverse routes on an established trail allow users to enjoy a different experience in a familiar place. Whether someone is commuting to work or out for a recreational ride, it will be a positive experience to be able to take a slightly different route while keeping to an overall trip plan.
 - a. Singletrack trails are typically designed with the intention of creating a more immersive experience and connection to natural areas. Key to these trails is to increase access for all abilities and demographics to Anchorage's valued greenbelts.
 - b. Year-round accessibility: Local bicycle stores in Anchorage have reported that the growing popularity of "fatbikes" has been one of the most important trends in bicycling, especially in Anchorage as unpredictable snow conditions can often make trails icy. Fatbikes are specialty mountain bikes that utilize extra-large tires with very low air pressure to increase surface area of the tires and provide floatation over snow.
2. Side trails offer a chance to explore some different terrain and enhance their riding ability while still continuing on the same general travel pattern. Popular singletrack "side shot" features are close enough to the trail for adults to continue on the paved trail while allowing their kids to take the "side shot" and explore without fear of lost sightlines or surveillance.
3. The proposed trails are for a beginner to intermediate level bike rider, encouraging new users to the sport and to use the existing trail system in Anchorage and could provide as an easily accessible educational opportunity.

4. Increased user safety and security can be a benefit of parallel routes such as the proposed singletrack trails:
 - a. Anchorage has a significant moose population that often can be problematic for trail users. Good "alternative routes" around a cow and set of calves for example, can be a real problem that this proposal could address.
 - b. Singletrack trails can enhancing/create fire breaks within the trail system and mitigate existing drainage and flooding issues along the greenbelt.
 - c. Increasing the visibility on the sides of the trails improves user safety and their perception of safety, and also assists the mitigation of the illegal camps along the Chester Creek greenbelt and reducing potential for fires that originate from camps.
 - d. Lower Crime: Unused and inactivated public spaces can serve as a haven for illegal or illicit activities. Activating these spaces with formal singletrack trails can visible open up these spaces to draw unwanted attention to those conducting negative activities and displace them out of the Chester Creek greenbelt.
5. Low Installation and Maintenance Costs compared to new paved multi-use trails: the cost per mile starts at \$1.99 per lineal foot.
6. Small footprint: Singletrack trails tend to wind around on themselves, which allows for a substantial amount of recreational trail within relatively small areas.

Project Schedule



Funding Plan

Anchorage voters approved \$150,000 for this project in the April 2018 election. The proposed 2.5 miles of trail segments for Phase 1 can be constructed in 2019 using a trail building contractor and 2 weeks of YEP time for \$100,000.

The following costs are anticipated:

- Wayfinding: \$10k +/-
 - Sponsorship may be possible through the Anchorage Park Foundation or community partner)
- YEP: Labor Costs (\$7k/week are to be absorbed by MOA)
- 10% Contingency: \$10k
- Available for contractor: \$66k-80k depending on YEP costs

Subject to project approval, the Department is targeting construction of the project for the end July 2019 through the fall of 2019.

Implementation

The MOA Parks and Recreation Department will continue to manage project planning, design and construction. Funding will be sufficient to begin construction of approximately 2.5 miles of trails in Phase 1. Hand finishing will be provided by volunteer crews and through YEP labor. Parks and Recreation will include the new trails in the current maintenance plan for the Chester Creek greenbelt and outline the long-term management and maintenance of this trail extension.

Staff Recommendation

The success of singletrack trails in Far North Bicentennial Park and Kincaid Park, as well as the large amount of community support this project has received, the Departments believes formalizing existing Chester Creek social trails into urban singletrack trails will be an added benefit to the Anchorage community.

The Area Wide Trails Plan identifies mountain biking as a popular form of trail use that provides good commuting possibilities and recreation. The proposed addition of approximately 2.5 miles of singletrack trails will improve connectivity and multiuse access to the surrounding neighborhoods, the Chester Creek greenbelt and the many destinations along it, an improvement consistent with objectives in three MOA trail-related plans. Support for a larger network of singletrack trails within the community has currently been demonstrated by MOA Parks and Recreation Department community outreach for this project.

The Department believes that the plan to add the Chester Creek urban singletrack trails proposed is consistent with objectives identified in the Park Plan, Anchorage Pedestrian Plan and the Anchorage Bicycle Plan and supports the public process undertaken to develop the proposal. The Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed resolution to support the Chester Creek Urban Singletrack Trails project at this concept phase. Staff intends to return to the Commission prior to construction with detailed plans of the project.



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PRC Resolution No. 2019-02

Proposed Development of “Singletrack” Trails in a Portion of the Chester Creek Greenbelt

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, community members initiated an urban singletrack mountain bike trail project along Chester Creek greenbelt trail corridor in 2016 and gained support from North Star and Fairview Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed PRC 17-11 Chester Creek Single Track Trails at the February 9, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage voters approved a \$150,000 Municipal Park Bond for the planning, design and implementation of this project in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage has seen rapid growth in the mountain and fat bike communities since the first singletrack trail project nearly a decade ago; the increased popularity has resulted in heavy trail congestion, safety concerns with user conflicts on existing trails, and demand for new beginner trails in easily accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed urban singletrack in Chester Creek greenbelt from Valley of the Moon Park to Goose Lake Park will provide children and adults in neighboring communities who do not have access or the ability to drive a bike to singletrack at Far North Bicentennial Park, Hillside or Kincaid the opportunity to experience beginner singletrack from their door; creating a more inclusive and inviting recreation opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department proposes to provide new accessible recreation opportunities through the addition of singletrack trail options connecting with and adjacent to the popular paved Chester Creek Trail and by improving portions of the existing social trail network to improve safety of various multiuse groups; and

WHEREAS, the proposed urban singletrack segments are accessed from and in close proximity to the existing paved, lighted and highly used Chester Creek Trail, providing increased safety through visibility and expanding the active use area; bicycle commuters, recreation riders, runners and hikers alike will have a secondary option for traveling the corridor when the paved pathway is crowded, groomed for skiing, blocked by a moose, or when users want a more challenging experience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan includes the design and construction of trail segments to create a network of singletrack within the Chester Creek greenbelt: soft-surface, relatively narrow trails sustainably built

for two-way travel and multiple uses, including mountain biking and foot traffic, will be constructed primarily from the alignment and surface of existing social trails; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design features include improvements to the existing unmarked and unregulated intersections of social trails and the Chester Creek trail, including the use of signage, wayfinding, and sightline clearing; and

WHEREAS, the *Areawide Trails Plan* identifies mountain biking as a popular form of trail use that provides good commuting and recreation possibilities and a singletrack network in Chester Creek greenbelt is consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the Park Plan, Anchorage Pedestrian Plan, and the Anchorage Bicycle Plan; and

WHEREAS, the North Star and Fairview Community Councils and the participating public provided written support for this project and the Parks & Recreation Department supports the public process undertaken to develop the proposal;

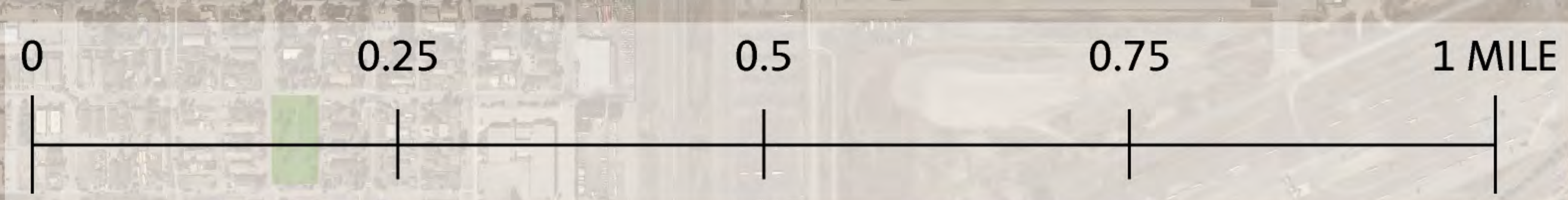
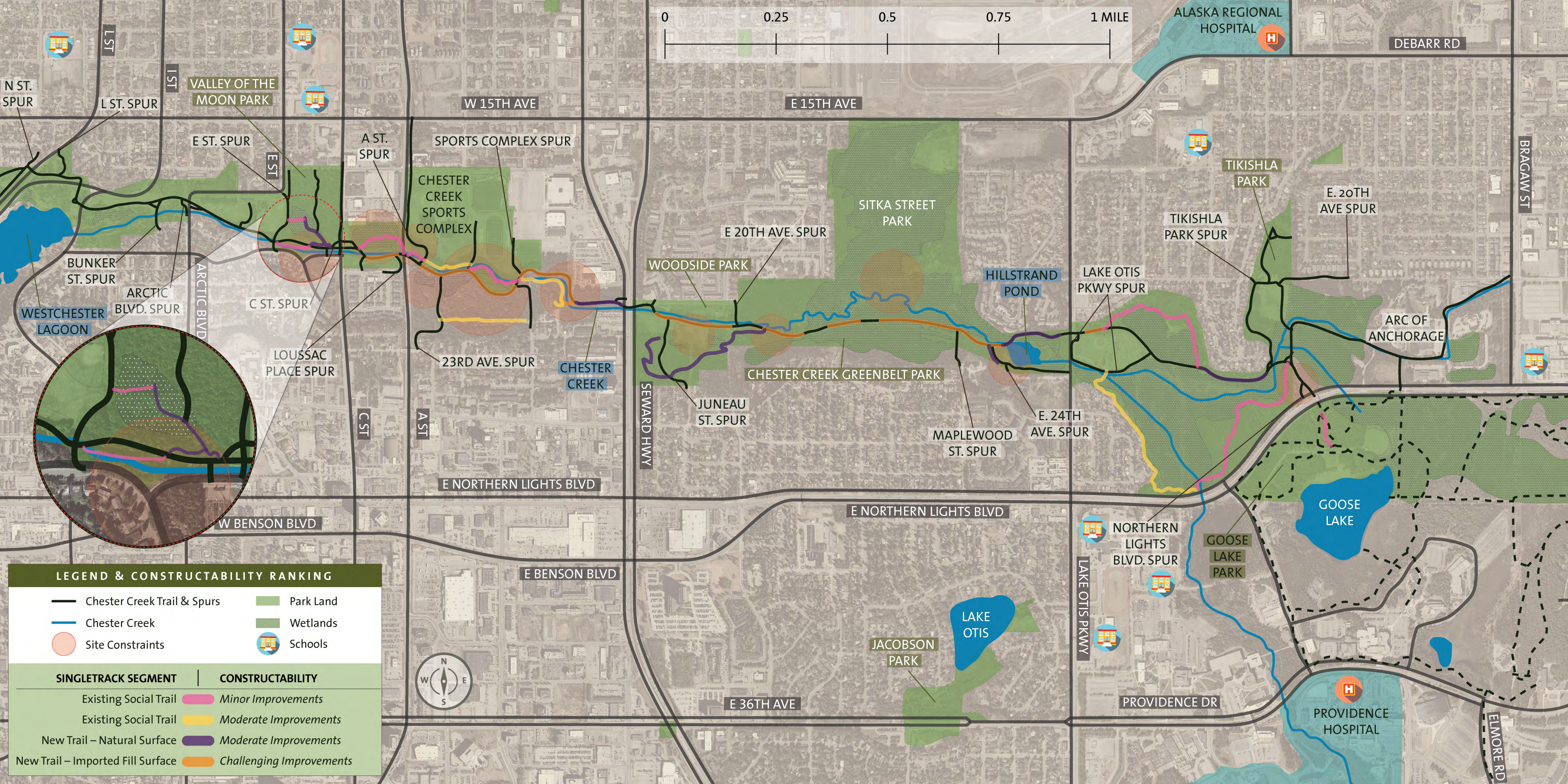
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission supports the Park & Recreation Department's plan to design, construct, and maintain the Chester Creek Urban Singletrack Trails project that includes 2.5 miles of singletrack and trail improvements in the Chester Creek greenbelt from Valley of the Moon Park to Goose Lake Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of February 2019.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department



LEGEND & CONSTRUCTABILITY RANKING

Chester Creek Trail & Spurs

Chester Creek

Site Constraints

Park Land

Wetlands

Schools

SINGLETRACK SEGMENT

Existing Social Trail

Existing Social Trail

New Trail – Natural Surface

New Trail – Imported Fill Surface

Minor Improvements

Moderate Improvements

Moderate Improvements

Challenging Improvements

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Speedway Cycles, 1231 W Northern Lights Blvd

Attendance: 111 people signed in



PROJECT TEAM

Maeve Nevins-Lavter, Project Manager, MOA Parks & Rec

Brad Muir, Natural Resources Manager, MOA Parks & Rec

Michelle Fehribach, Community Engagement Coordinator, MOA Parks & Rec

Van Le, AICP, Planner & Outreach Lead, R&M Consultants, Inc.

Taryn Oleson, Planner & Outreach, R&M Consultants, Inc.

John Underwood, Expert Trail Builder, Happy Trails

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fact Sheet
2. Proposed Single Track Trail Map
3. Display Information Boards
4. Comment Forms
5. Meeting Sign In

OVERVIEW

The public open house for the Chester Creek Single Track Trail Project was held on Thursday, January 24th at Speedway Cycles on the main store floor. Bikes had been cleared from the area, allowing for gathering and free movement throughout the space. A sign in table was placed near the door, where Taryn Oleson greeted attendees as they arrived and provided a brief overview of the project and the request for feedback on the proposed trail concepts. The meeting was open house style with members of the project team available to answer any questions and hear feedback from attendees.

Four informative boards on example trail features, trail types and intersection scenarios were stationed on easels around the room. A large map of the project corridor showing the proposed single track trail segments, color coded by constructability, was placed on a table in the center of the room and a second copy of the same map was mounted on an easel on the side of the room. Sticky note pads, pens and comment forms were placed around the maps encouraging attendees to leave geographic comments. A table dedicated for writing comments was available at the back of the room, a TV displayed two videos of urban single track examples, and pizza and light refreshments were provided.

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SUMMARY

Attendees and commenters overwhelmingly support the proposed integration of single track trails into the Chester Creek Greenbelt between Valley of the Moon Park and Goose Lake Park. Discussions on what Class level the trails should be built at proved a point of contention; some attendees want the trails to remain narrow social trails to maintain the 'in the woods' feeling while others support the trails being wide enough for multi-use two way passing. Beginner to intermediate skill level is preferred by most attendees with an expressed desire for the development of skill loops in spurs off the main single track areas. Concerns were voiced over the illegal camps in the greenbelt and how these trails may or may not impact the people who inhabit them.

Written Comments:

Trail Use:

Current Use:

- I use this trail frequently in the summer months and a little in winter.
- I am a mountain biker, fat biker, runner, dog walker and skier.
- Please ensure the trails are open and welcoming spaces for kids and families.
- I use the Chester Creek Trail for bike commuting, walking, skiing and teaching my daughters how to bicycle.
- I am a runner and cyclist – existing social trails add variety and fun to my runs and rides along the main paved trail, and if they were improved and added to they would be even better and see more use and enjoyment by more people.

Future Use/Planning for Single Track Use:

- Chester Creek Trail is a highly used multi-use trail and any alternative routes/trails could potentially alleviate multi-use traffic crowds. It would also provide trails for people that live in the area to share with their children.
- The proposed trails will likely be used for more than cycling – winter time running options become very limited in Anchorage for those seeking off-trail, hard packed and natural setting running as most options are either groomed for skiing only or are snowed over – do expect runners to be drawn to these routes as the fat bikes keep it groomed! Design criteria and clearing width could be adjusted to account for this
- Design needs to keep in mind that many walkers, runners and dog walkers use these trails now and will use anything out there in the future so design the trails will all uses in mind. This means not expert terrain and skills areas on main route. Just simple Class 2 trails, slightly better for biking than what exists now.
- Single track serves a different purpose than the existing multi-use paved trail. The paved trail is for everyone and serves as the fastest way to get to a location without driving, single track is intended for mountain bikers out to have fun. It would be sad to see this effort try to make it easy for all users and duplicate the paved path.

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- Accessible single track right in town would give every rider a chance at real trail riding
- Trails right next to the paved pathway doesn't make sense for bikers but would work for runners
- I am only somewhat supportive of this proposal and ONLY if it's multi-use – open to runners, etc, as well as bikes – if people want to ride mountain bikes fast they should go to the existing Hillside etc. trails.

Safety:

- I would love to feel safe along the Chester Creek Trail and I currently do not. I won't use it to run or bike alone right now and hope there is a comprehensive plan to curb homeless camps and to patrol the area
- Proposed trails would improve the safety of the main trail by expanding the area along the trail that receives frequent use by the public.

Trail Features:

Skill Level:

- Want to see a mix of beginner and intermediate trails and maybe some skills work areas.
 - Like the idea to make trails fairly technical, so kids in the area can practice, but not too difficult/dangerous, just not plain dirt trails.
- Love the idea of Skills Loops!
- Implement skill building bicycle trails throughout the entire corridor
- Skills terrain should only be on offshoots or spurs and minimal at that
- I support adding technical sections and incorporating hills wherever possible since it's otherwise a mostly flat stretch. Improving existing social trails so wet ground doesn't get destroyed would be important.
- Tikishla Park area is prime for a skills trail
 - Would like to see a skills course in the chunk of land south of Tikishla Park ballfields and where the ball fields currently are
- Should be slow speeds and no trick logs, jumps, etc. to entice more extreme riding.

Trail Class:

- Please make the trails usable year-round so they need to be wide enough for people to pass each other. Class 3?
- Keep the footprint of the existing social trails near Tikishla Park small (Trail Class 1 or 2).
- Keep the single track trails between Goose Lake and Lake Otis Class 2 trails.
- Class is too big (proposed class 3) – keep it small and limit the amount of tree clearing, maintain the “out-in-the-woods” feeling
- Sitka Street Park area could use a good Class 3 loop
- Put in a Class 1 single track between Woodside Park and Sitka Street Park on the north side of the creek

Trail Design/Features:

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- Suggest directional trails that split and rejoin for one-directional to reduce conflicts and increase mileage.
- We need an entry level pump track between C and A Streets that's accessible from Fairview as well. We should encourage the kids to practice their skills in a pump track so this project serves them as well.
- Build some jumps!
- Spread play features along the trail corridor, don't duplicate the amazing experiences available at Kincaid, Hillside and Bicentennial Park
 - Play session areas between Hillstrand Pond and Goose Lake Park and around Woodside Park. Skills feature near Valley of the Moon park
- Utilize as many hills as possible and provide access points from neighborhoods.
- For these to be a true draw to mountain bikers, the trails will need bragging features like berms, bridges, whoops, etc.
- Have a boardwalk with raised platform for ornithology and astronomy in the middle of Sitka Street Park area, the trails are already roughed in places.

Intersections and Safety:

- Intersections with the paved trail and the sections of single track are of concern for general safety – they will have to be well marked and the public educated on the right-of-ways etc.
 - Side trails must yield or stop when they merge with the main Chester Creek Trail.
- Minimize single track trail crossing/weaving in and out of paved trail, especially in busy areas such as Valley of the Moon Park
- Maybe trail phones would increase safety?
- Trees grow back – cut them all down where needed as safety and sightlines are important
- Agree with the plan to NOT cut down trees for the new trails (unless they are an invasive species) but clearing of brush is important so runner/rider don't scare the moose

Trail Alignments/Locations:

Extensions and Connections:

- Consider Loop Trail in undeveloped parkland adjacent to Norther Lights across from Goose Lake
- Let's take the trail in Valley of the Moon from 16th and E intersection directly through the woods to the pedestrian bridge across the creek.
- Please develop single track system from existing walking trails at Valley of the Moon Park – easy construction (not wetlands and it's flat)
- Recommend extending trail to Spenard Road and install a pocket park at the former Frisbee golf course area. There is already a social trail between Valley of the Moon Park and Spenard Road tunnel – this would allow for complete connectivity as best as possible for single track along Chester Creek, and connect the new Spenard Bike Lane and Midtown to the single track.

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- At the existing trail west of Hillstrand Pond and east of Woodside Park, I recommend NOT spending money on a parallel trail or new trail through the woods. The forest is very boggy and wet and would require a lot of fill – save the effort for areas with more potentially interesting terrain.
- The forested slope north of Rogers Park (between Maplewood Spur and Seward Hwy), all the way to Seward Highway could have potential for fun and interesting terrain and trails.
- I can see this trail being extended along the Coastal Trail, through Earthquake Park and continuing to the Kincaid STA Trails.
- Connect the existing trail on the west side of the North Fork of Chester Creek near Sitka Street Park (which now runs on the west side of Sitka Street) this would require a bridge across the creek. This connection would enhance public safety and public use of Sitka Street Park and the Chester Creek Greenbelt south of the park
- Old Rondy Sled Trail (winter only) parallels the existing paved trail to the north of the trail, south of the creek, south of Sitka Street Park – brush and it's good to go in winter.
- Senior Center trail off Karluk/20th Spur could be connected to Old Rondy trail with a bridge (area is wet)
- 20th Street corridor needs a bridge at east end and brushing but it's pretty easy to get to year round.

Routing:

- I strongly support the development of multi-use/mountain bike trails adjacent to the existing paved trails
- I strongly support routing the trails through “traditional camp areas” – if trail routes avoid “traditional camp areas” the problem of environmental degradation and unsavory encounters will persist. Improvement to the trails without disturbing the camps would make them more appealing to the homeless population. Perhaps building a pump trail in each “traditional camp area” would be the best idea. The more engaging the trail design, the more likely the trail will incur more users and hopefully deter camping and other unsavory activities.
- I support routing trails through the camp areas – I am concerned about the increasing trash from camps along this stretch. If we route the trails to avoid the camps we effectively condone the camps and it will continue to be a problem. Of course solutions to the homeless issue should be addressed, but we need to reclaim the parks for safe recreation.

Prioritization:

- Don't waste money bringing in fill to go through wetlands. If an area isn't conducive to single track just let people continue to use the paved trail. Boardwalks would be better than fill.
- Given the limited budget, I think the most important goal is to provide lots of good tie-ins to neighborhoods.
- With limited funds, don't just duplicate existing paved trail (such as trail segment between Woodside Park/Seward Hwy and Hillstrand Pond (largely wetland area)).
- Connect the new trails to neighborhood roads as much as possible – easy of accessibility for all

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- Better to use combo of existing paved trail with some dirt trail than tear up existing wetlands and natural areas for another trail.
- There are many trails cut through the woods already and I think maximizing those first and then focusing on where new trail connections can be made would be awesome.
- Suggest focusing efforts on two or three “seasonable” areas with optional skill-building features.

Illegal Camps:

- Concern about how you will keep homeless from accosting riders along more remote sections?
- I’m concerned that without a comprehensive plan to address the homelessness, the trails won’t be enough to activate the spaces. For example, a short section south of the sports complex, right along the creek, used to be very frequently used. Now it’s all but posted to the camps there.
- As far as the homeless goes: my observations is a lot of these people are choosing to live like this. There are many of these people that are dangerous and we need to take back our lovely trail system
- This feels guised as a ploy to move homeless camps out of the greenbelt – but hopefully not at the expense of cyclist safety. How will the city handle this conflicts?
- I am always a proponent of programs that expand access to bike trails, but over the development of this program I have been shocked at the vitriol I have seen towards displaced citizens from an otherwise friendly and inclusive cycling community. I worry that this program will not only serve to further displace Anchorage residents without prospect of addressing the issue of homelessness. Again, I love the prospect of being able to ride single track across the city, I would love to see efforts to support affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation programs.
- It would be great to see an effort made to accommodate the homeless. Donation to low income housing, or real effort to help the homeless.
- What will happen to the people who currently reside in camps along these routes? It seems like the Muni is using us (cyclists and trail users) as a veiled tool of displacement. For the record, I am pro-trail development, but the idea of pushing the camps out for our entertainment (via new trails) irks me. I don’t know what the budget is for this, but I feel that money would be better spend in our social service programs.

Statements of Concern or Outstanding Questions:

- Will the trails be lit for safety? Who will patrol, who will maintain? Some of the trails in the video look pretty overused.
- Project is a great idea with one serious **concern**: intersections with the paved trail and the sections of single track.
 - The existing trail is a well-used trail for all types of people from kids learning to ride a bike to the elderly walking the corridor. There are many other areas of town for

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technical trails and even intermediate level single track like Kincaid's STA. If single tracks are put into Chester Creek it should be very easy and not attract speedy and technical riders. Otherwise I don't think it will be safe and will contribute to the already existing perception that serious bikers are taking over the trails and parks.

Statements of Support:

- I am in full support of this project.
- Even small sections of fun single track add a lot of interest, variety and challenge to a run or ride along the trail and could turn what could otherwise be a somewhat boring trip into an exciting urban adventure.
- More positive uses will only help this troubled part of town.
- Consider it an excellent way to ACTIVATE the area for use by the entire community.
- Thank you for initiating this tremendously positive recreational and community building project.
- Chester Creek Trail system is one of the jewels of Anchorage; anything that can promote a healthy lifestyle and encourages people to exercise is beneficial to everyone.
- Overall love the idea of more single track in neighborhoods; it would be great to not have to drive to get to bike trails.
- Single track would add fun elements to the parks used by families, increases use that would discourage chop shop operations that thrive in the woods now, make another path for bike commuters, dog walkers would love it (would be a great addition to the dog park at Valley of the Moon), reduces litter, needles, etc. that is there now and would overall be a fun addition to Anchorage!
- Great concept overall and will be great for bikes, runners and walkers alike.
- As someone who lives close to the project corridor and uses the paved trail system often, I'm very excited about this idea.
- The proposed trails are really exciting.
- Totally supportive of this project, appreciate the early efforts to engage the public for input and ideas. There is a very large constituency of people who tend to be dependable voters who are very enthusiastic and supportive of this project.
- I grew up riding and building social trails around Chester Creek – thank you for working on actual single track trails!
- Improved trails for biking, hiking, and skiing improves the quality of life in Anchorage. It promotes healthy and civic discourse by bringing people together with a shared common interest. We need these trails.
- I support all of the trails you can build – please make sure we can feel safe using them!
- I've been commuting by bike along the Chester Creek Trail for more than 15 years – I've been chased, yelled at, threatened and pushed, I've had knives brandished and garbage thrown at me by people marginalized by our society. I've ridden by MOUNDS of trash. These new trails won't solve the issues that plague these people, but these trails WILL help prevent these camps from becoming a permanent fixture along Chester Creek.
- Whatever is done will be positive for our city.

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- Looking forward to helping build this great trail system
- This project is a fantastic idea. A parallel trail to Chester Creek connecting neighborhoods will give many mid-level adventurous residents a quality mountain biking experience. This will also be good for businesses and tourism, giving visitors a place to ride without having to figure out how to get to Hillside or Kincaid.
- This trail project is a wonderful idea and will only add to the incredible active outdoor lifestyles of Anchorage citizens. Hopefully the city will have many volunteer trail building days to get the users involved and create a sense of ownership and appreciation for the work it takes to build a trail.
- This would help develop the future of our city – schools could benefit from these trails and offer outdoor PE classes, our youth and our future will benefit.
- I wholeheartedly support the efforts being made to increase the number of safe trails available for Anchorage residents to Use.

Map Comments:

Geographic Comments:

- Bring the trail to Spenard and build pocket park in former Frisbee golf course
- In segment just west of C street to Valley of the Moon, stay on north side of trail to minimize traffic crossing busy section of paved trail
- Old paved trail between Westchester Lagoon and the Bunker St Spur on the south side of the creek is deteriorating and unmaintained – turn it into single track too
- Focus between Valley of the Moon to Gambell Street for improvements
- Tons of walking trails north of Valley of the Moon between E Street and C Street – would love single track system for kids and a diagonal southeast route
- Connect Sitka Park to single track system
- Connect the 16th and E intersection directly to the pedestrian bridge between C St and the C St. Spur
- Existing social trail south of Chester Creek Trail at the C St Spur is already too close to the creek
- Build entry level pump track for kids near the Chester Creek Sports Complex, between C Street and the complex
- Would be fun to have more hills like the slope near the 23rd Ave Spur
- Increased traffic on the 23rd Ave Spur multi-use trail would be great
- Use more of the space around the Juneau Spur, south of Woodside Park, and the area not currently labeled as park property (proposed New Trail-natural surface trail in the area) – there are good hills and could connect a beginner loop to neighborhood, encouraging more use
 - Support the development of the existing social trail, moderate improvements shown between the 23rd Ave Spur and the Eagle Street Spur
 - Excellent terrain for a trail, now completely unused

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- Add pump track between Seward Hwy and Juneau St Spur
- Follow AWWU Sewer ROW south of the E 20th Ave Spur
- Senior Center Trail Spur running east could connect to Old Rondy cut on south side of the creek
- Spur loop around/through Sitka Street Park!
 - Build class 3 Sitka Loop with raised platform in the middle for nature education, enjoyment and astronomy
- Add connection across Chester Creek to Sitka Park on the east side, wets of Hillstrand Pond
- At light pole IZO on Chester Creek Trail, south of Sitka Street Park, there is a trail through the woods to the creek where the population of illegal campers use both sides of the creek but prefer the north side.
- Old Fur Roundy Sled Trail is north of paved Chester Creek Trail and south of the creek, south of Sitka Street Park. Easy winter use if brushed.
- Update/fix bridge off Sitka Street into Sitka Street Park. Create/widen path around the perimeter of Sitka Street Park and possibly build/extend boardwalk for birders and astronomers – no lights please
- Leave existing social trail north of Lake Otis Spur as is/Class 2 as it's a fun single track
- Trails south of Chester Creek Trail between Lake Otis and Goose Lake should have skill loops/skills park that come off the main single track trail – add a teeter totter
- Would love a small loop through the woods between Goose Lake Parking lot and Norther Lights
 - Keep existing social trails in this area as class 2
- Trail shown as existing social trail, moderate improvements, on the south west of the greenbelt between Lake Otis and creek undercrossing of Northern Lights is fun in the winter and if improved would be fun in the summer too
 - Keep this trail class 2 – both minor improvements and moderate improvement social trails between Lake Otis and Goose Lake
 - Keep this area as winter biking only
- Bridge work on Bumstead is needed
- Very heavy dog-walk users between Tikishla Park, Goose Lake , and Lake Otis
- Any “improvements” in the Natural Resource areas of Tikishla Park must be consistent with the park’s Master Plan. New skills trails are not.
- Add pump track around the perimeter of Tikishla (between the Tikishla Park Spur and the E 20th Ave Spur connections to the main Chester Creek Trail)
- Existing Chester Creek Trail connection shown on map from Nichols St, north of Community Park Loop, to Bragaw St “doesn’t exist here – verify connector and the potential for a connector to Russian Jack Springs Park”

General Comments:

- New trail should be multi-use
- Plans should show where bridges are needed
- More trail less tents
- I like clear bike trails with no violence – I’ve been scared using the trail

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- If waterbodies or wetlands cannot be avoided, use the opportunity to install environmental education infrastructure
- Make sure that you cut a narrow path only- no more than 4'
- Route improved new trails through camp areas to discourage camping in park
- Innertube skinny bridges over wetlands to build trail connections
- Suggest directional east and west trails that split off and rejoin for uni-direction trail – better flow, reduce conflicts
- Winter only single track use on trails proposed on wetlands

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EXAMPLE FEATURES

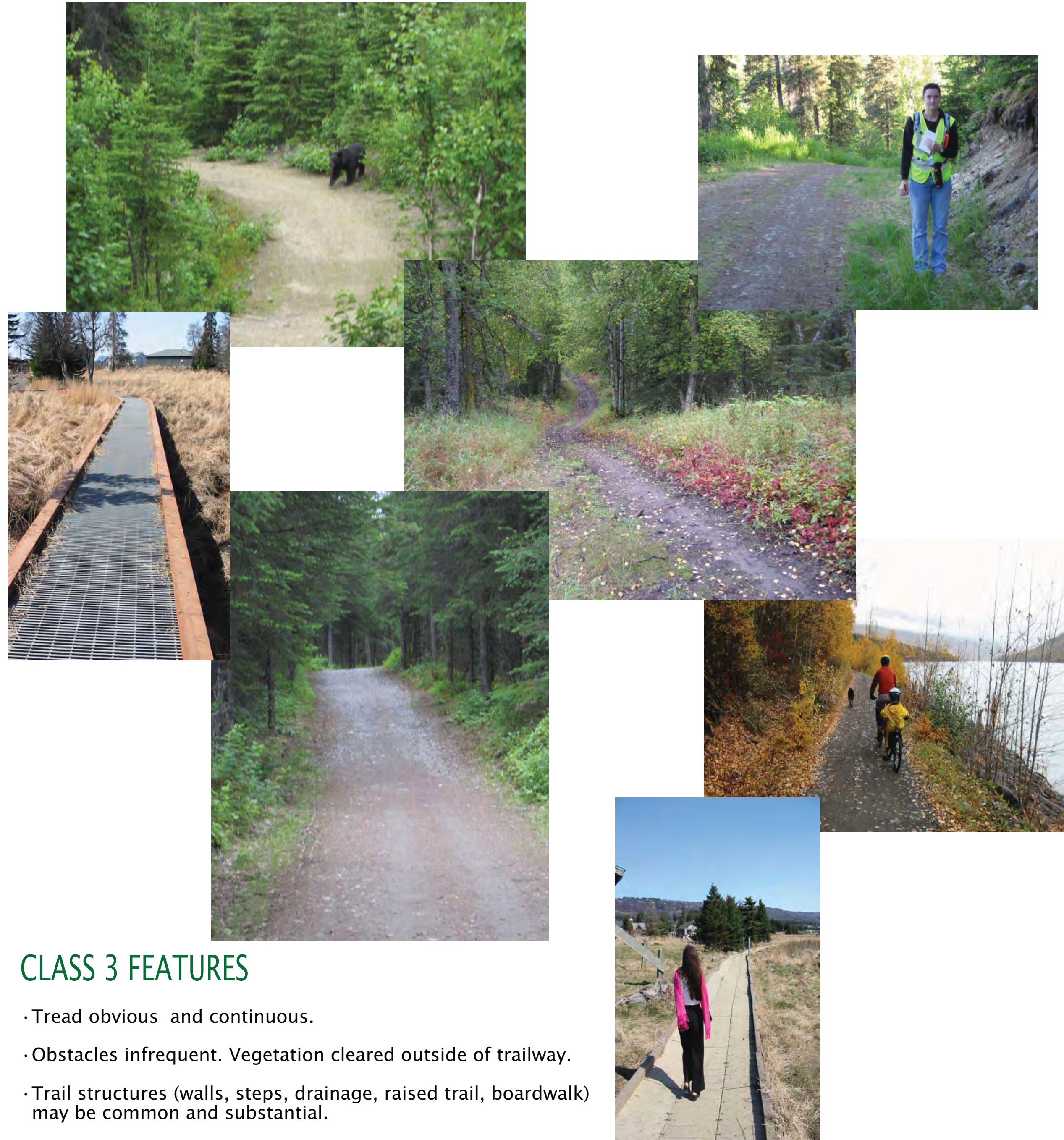


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TRAIL CLASS 3

BICYCLE



CLASS 3 FEATURES

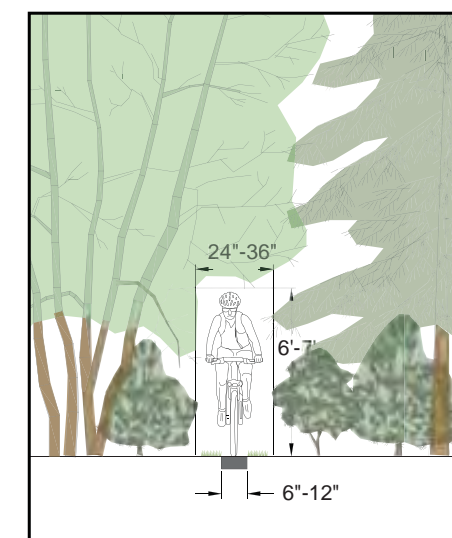
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- Obstacles infrequent. Vegetation cleared outside of trailway.
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- Directional signs at trail junctions.

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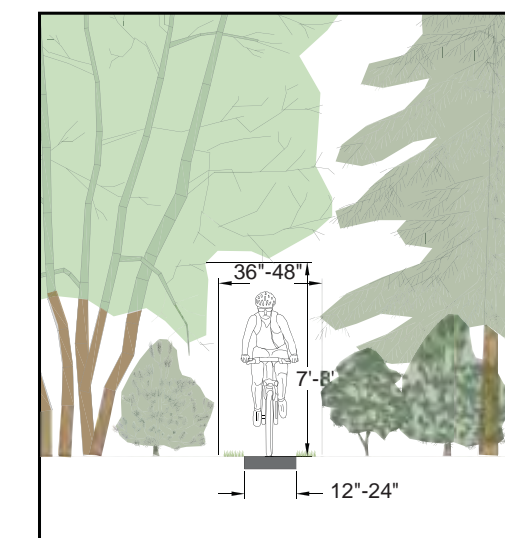
Designed Use		Trail Class 1	Trail Class 2	Trail Class 3	Trail Class 4	Trail Class 5
BICYCLE	One Lane	6' – 12'	12' – 24'	18' – 30'	24' – 48'	36' – 60'
	Two Lane	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Accommodate two-lane travel with passing lanes.	60' – 84'	72' – 120'
Design Surface	Type	Native. Rough, unstable or soft tread.	Native, with limited grading. Unstable or soft sections likely.	Native with some on-site borrow or imported materials. Some soft areas.	Likely imported or stabilized tread. Few, if any, loose or soft surfaces.	Firm, hardened surface.
	Obstacles	Rocks, logs and roots up to 6-12" common. Forced portages likely.	Embedded rock, protrusions to 6". Some portages may be needed.	Generally smooth with few protrusions exceeding 3".	Smooth, few obstacles. 1 – 2" protrusions.	No obstacles to wheeled transport.
Design Grade	Target Range (>90% of Trail)	15% – 18%	< 12%	< 10%	< 8%	< 5%
	Short Pitch Max (Up to 200' lengths)	30%	25%	15%	10%	8%
	Max Pitch Density***	50% on downhill-only travel. < 10% of trail	35% on downhill-only travel. < 5% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 3% of trail	< 3% of trail
Design Cross-Slope	Target Range	5% – 10%	5% – 10%	5%	3% – 5%	3% – 5%
	Maximum					
Design Clearing	Width	24' – 36' Some vegetation may encroach into clearing area.	36' – 48' Some light vegetation may encroach into clearing area.	12' – 18' outside of tread edge.	12' – 18' outside of tread edge.	18' – 24' outside of tread edge.
	Height	6' – 7'	7' – 8'	8'	8' – 9'	8' – 9'
Design Turns	Radius	3' – 4'	4' – 6'	6' – 8'	8' – 10'	8' – 12'

* Grade variances should be based upon soils, hydrological conditions, use levels, and other factors contributing to surface stability and erosion potential. Due to effects of use on tread and erosion, steeper pitches should be carefully evaluated based on potential effects of these various factors.

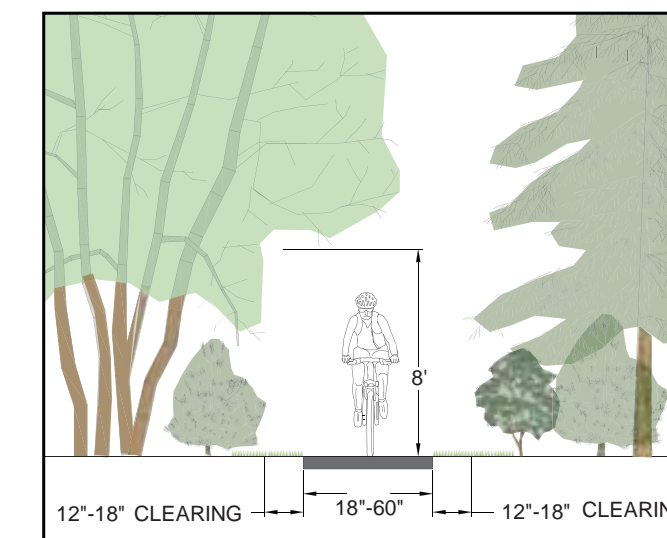
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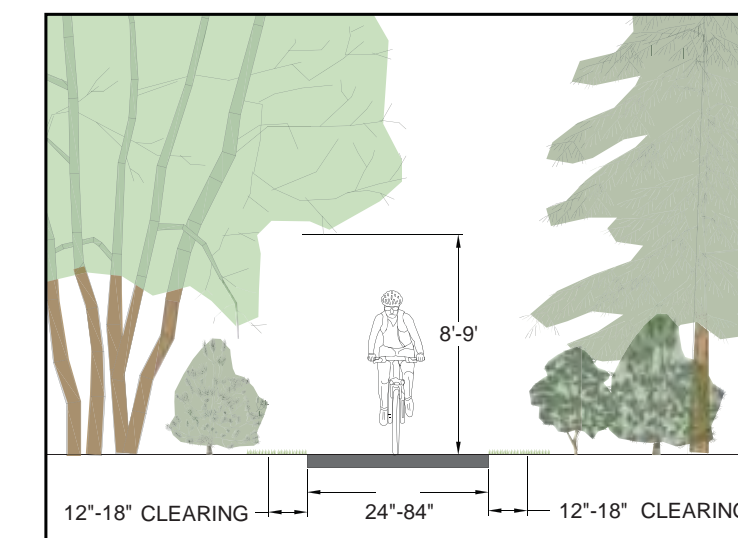
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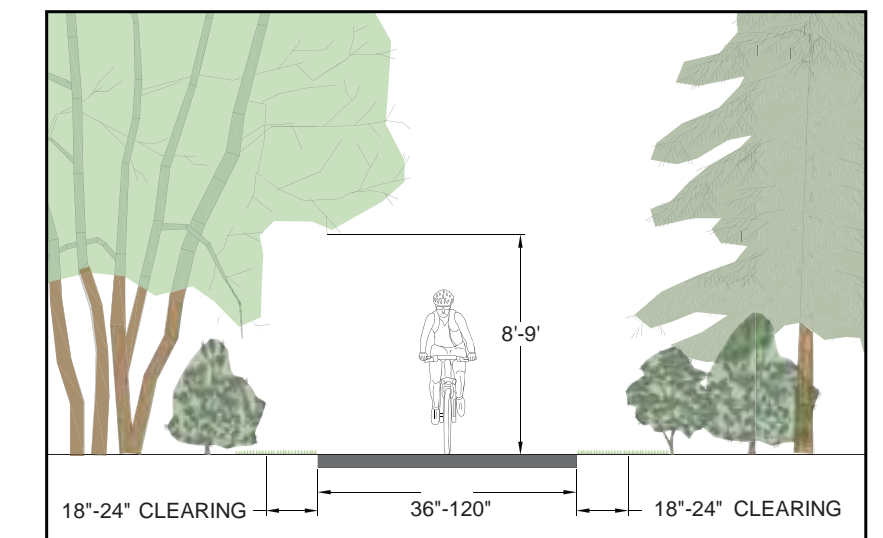
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Trail Class 3



Trail Class 4



Trail Class 5

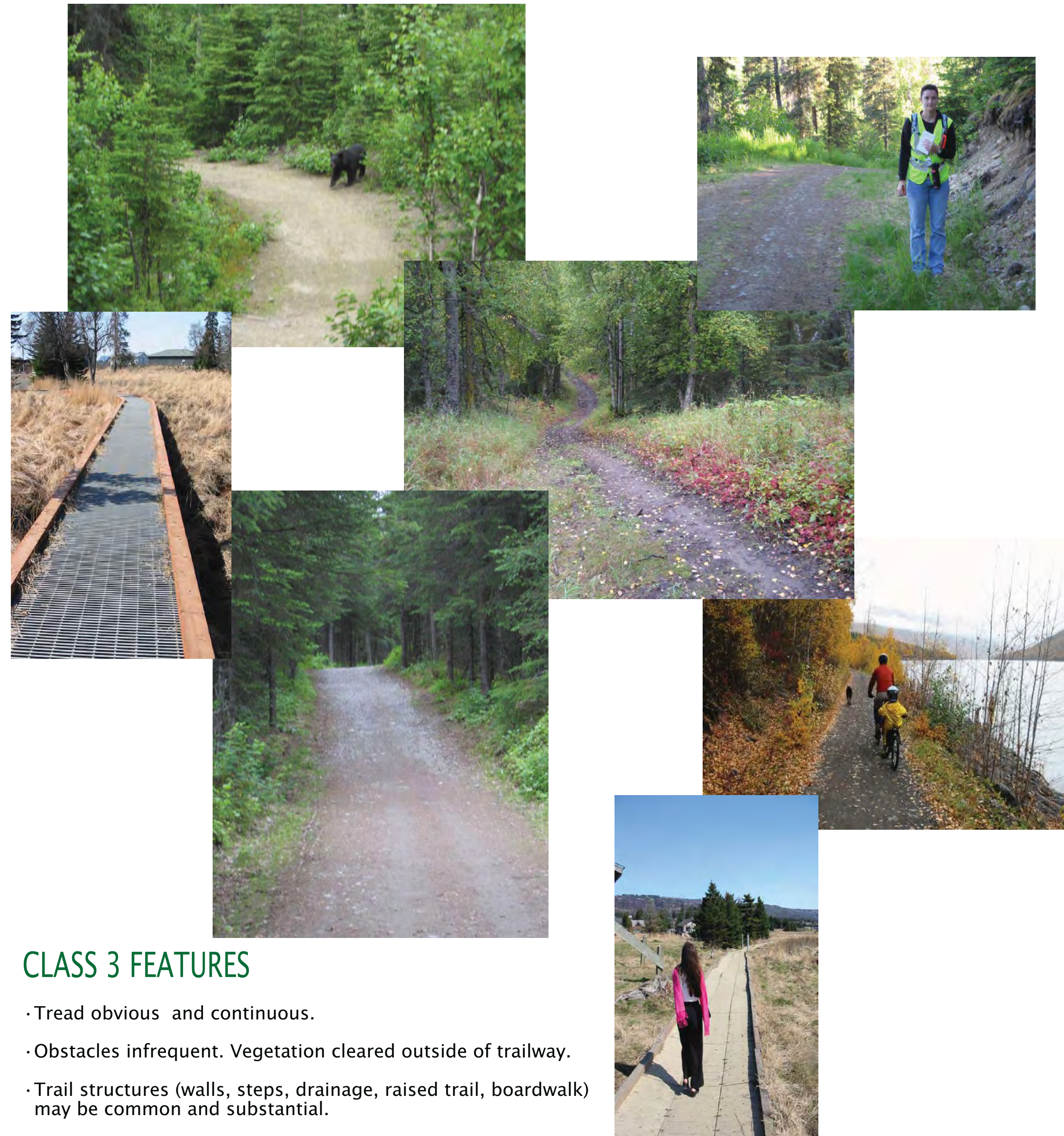
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EXAMPLE TRAIL TYPE

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TRAIL CLASS 3



CLASS 3 FEATURES

- Tread obvious and continuous.
- Obstacles infrequent. Vegetation cleared outside of trailway.
- Trail structures (walls, steps, drainage, raised trail, boardwalk) may be common and substantial.
- Directional signs at trail junctions.

HIKER-PEDESTRIAN

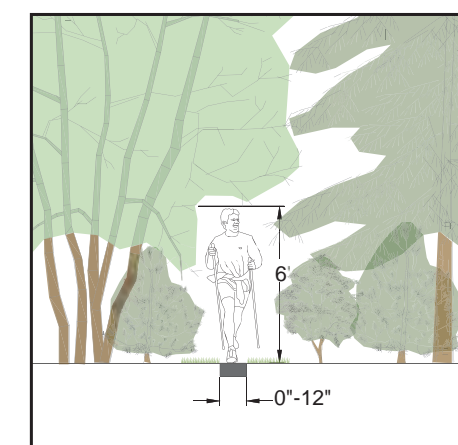
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Designed Use		Trail Class 1	Trail Class 2	Trail Class 3*	Trail Class 4*	Trail Class 5*
HIKER-PEDESTRIAN						
Design Tread Width		0' – 12'	6' – 18'	18' – 48'	32' – 96'	36' – 120'
Design Surface	Type	Native, un-graded. Intermittent, rough.	Native with limited grading. Continuous, rough.	Native with some on-site borrow or imported materials.	Imported materials or hardening is common.	Uniform, firm, and stable.
	Obstacles	Roots, rocks, logs, steps to 24".	Roots, rocks and log protrusions to 6"; steps to 14".	Generally clear. Protrusions to 3"; steps to 10".	Smooth, few obstacles. Protrusions 2-3"; steps to 8".	Smooth, no obstacles. Protrusions <2".
Design Grade**	Target Range (>90% of Trail)	< 20%	< 15%	< 12%	< 10%	< 5%
	Short Pitch Max (Up to 200' lengths)	25%	20%	20%	15%	10%
	Max Pitch Density***	< 10% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 3% of trail	< 3% of trail
Design Cross-Slope	Target Range	Not applicable	5 – 10%	5 – 10%	3 – 7%	2 – 3% (or crowned)
	Maximum	Up to natural side-slope.	Up to natural side-slope	15%	10%	3%
Design Clearing	Width	Sufficient to define trail corridor.	24" – 36", with some encroachment into clearing area.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge.	12" – 24" outside of tread edge.
	Height	6'	6' – 7'	8'	8'	> 8'
Design Turns	Radius	No minimum.	2' – 3'	3' – 6'	4' – 8'	6' – 12'

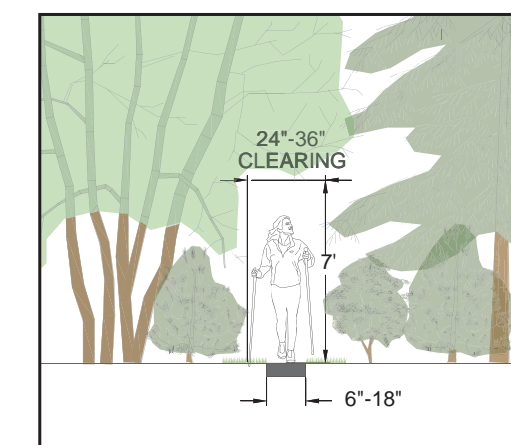
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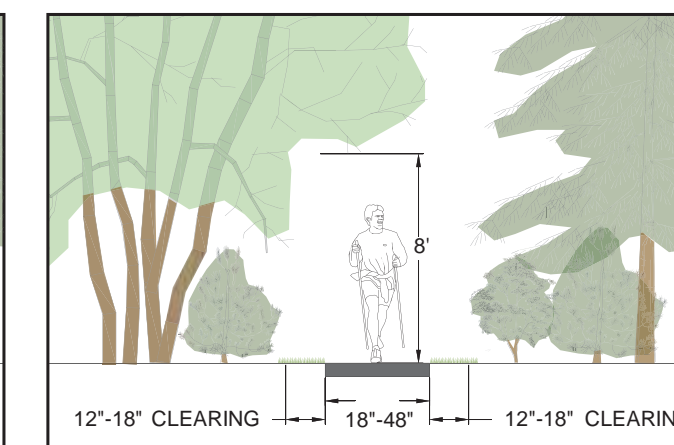
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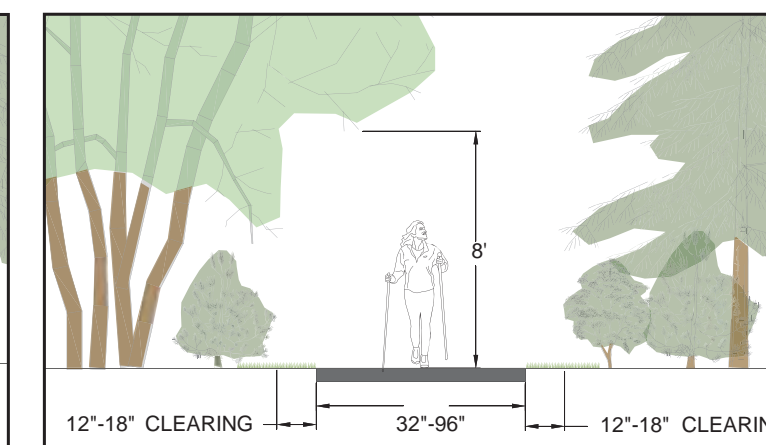
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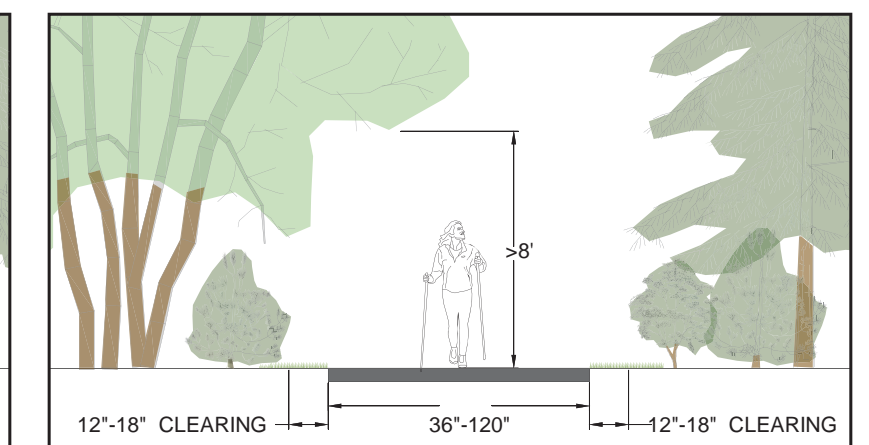
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Trail Class 5

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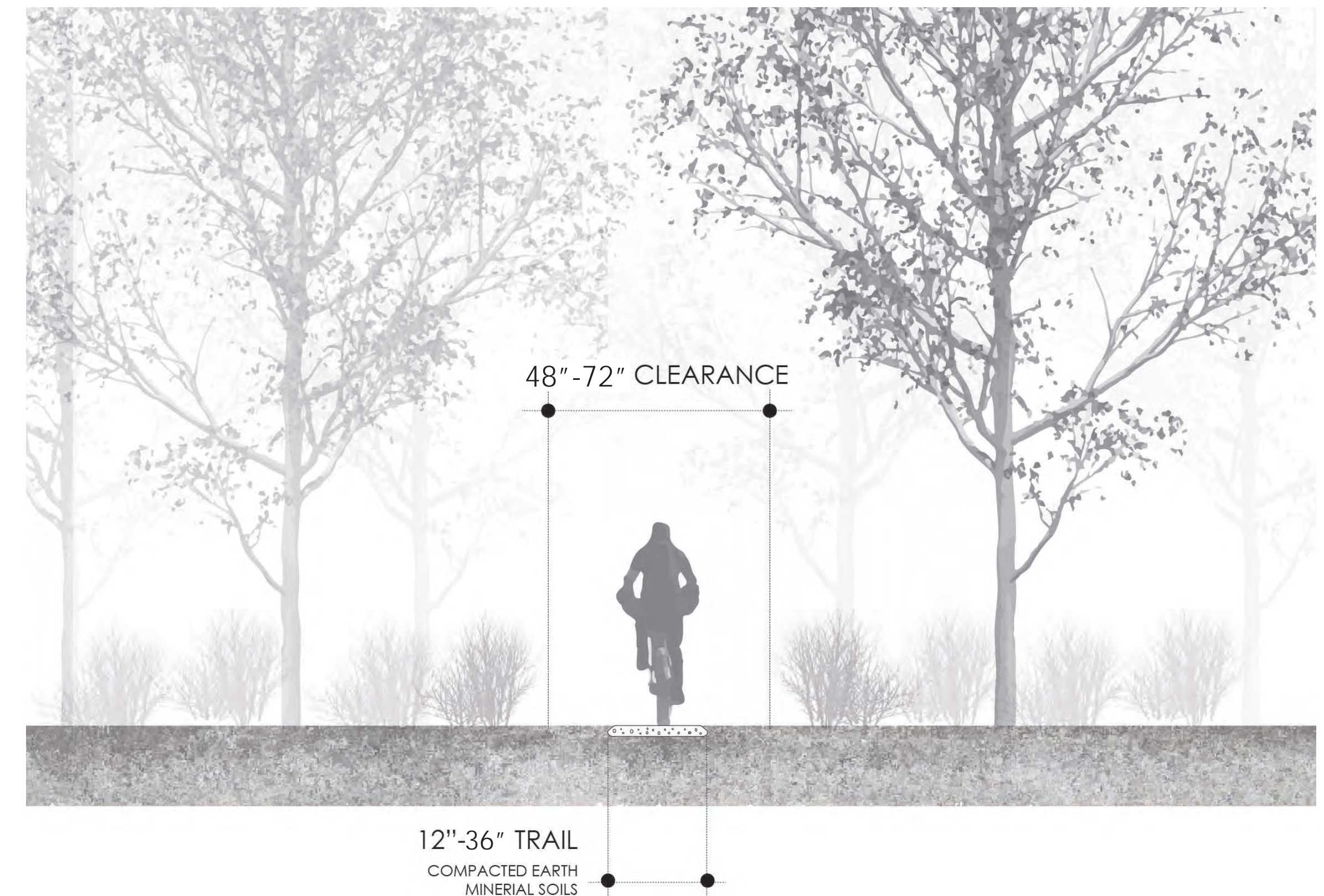
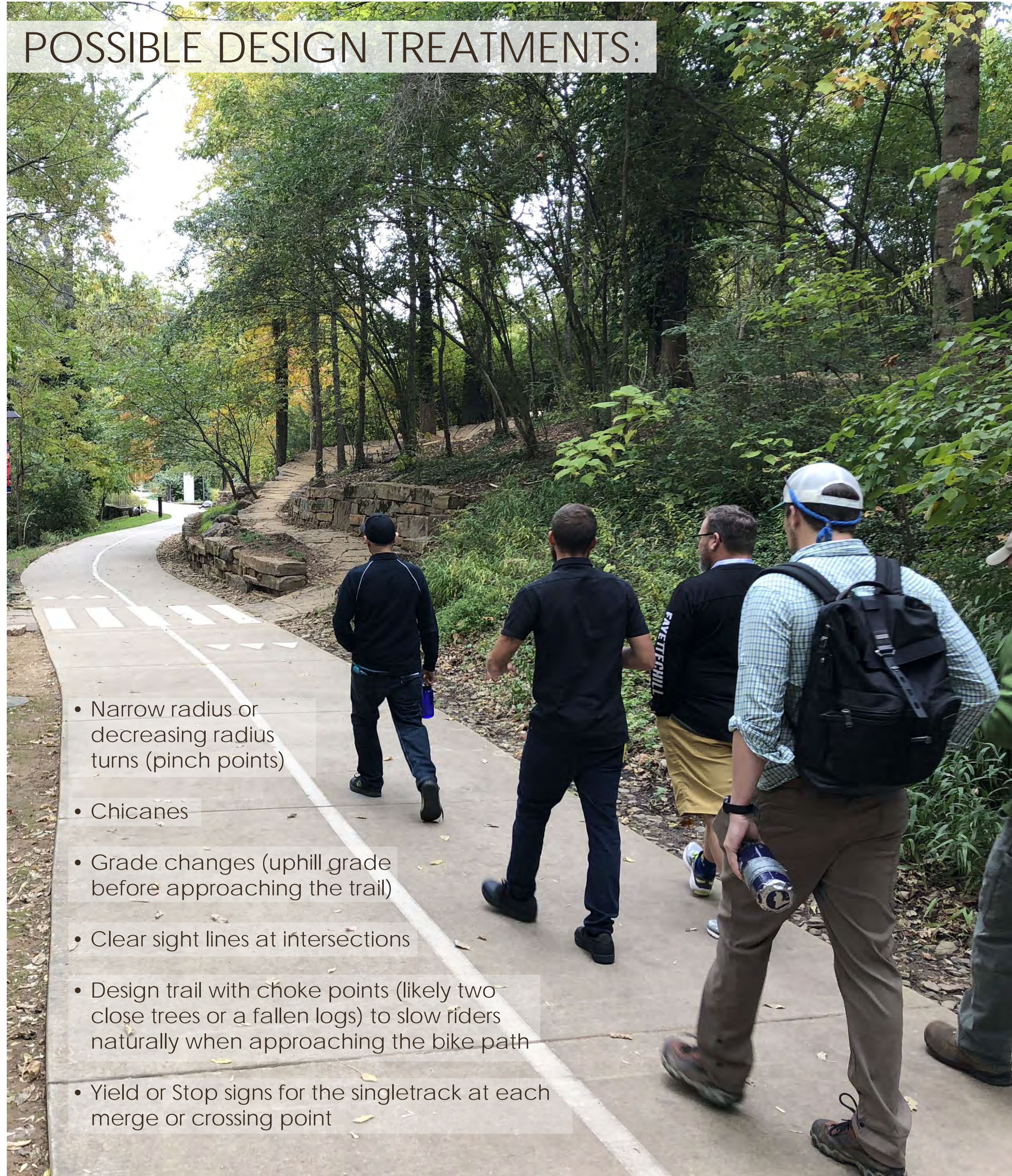
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INTERSECTION SCENARIO EXAMPLE

POSSIBLE DESIGN TREATMENTS:

- Narrow radius or decreasing radius turns (pinch points)
- Chicanes
- Grade changes (uphill grade before approaching the trail)
- Clear sight lines at intersections
- Design trail with choke points (likely two close trees or a fallen logs) to slow riders naturally when approaching the bike path
- Yield or Stop signs for the singletrack at each merge or crossing point



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Name: Meg Koetagh

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I'm a mtn biker & fat biker and also a runner & dog walker & skier & live in Airport Heights. I really think the project is a great idea with one serious concern. There will be areas where bikers will need to travel on the paved trail to connect up sections of the single track. The Chester Creek Trail is a well used trail & used by multiple people for learning to ride (kids), walks of older people etc. There are many other areas of town for technical trails & even intermediate level single track like Kincaids STA. If a single track trail is put in it should be very easy & not attract speedy & technical riders. Otherwise I don't think it will be safe & will contribute to the already existing perception that serious bikers are taking over our trails & parks.

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Erin Kirkland

* Please ensure the trails are open and welcoming
spaces for kids and families - ☺

- Additional concerns overheard -

- How will you keep homeless from accosting
riders along more remote sections?

- Will this be lit for safety? Who
will patrol?

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I love the idea of skills loops! I hope you keep the footprint of the existing social trails near Tikishla Park small (Trail Class 1 or 2). Overall I love the idea of more single track in neighborhoods. It would be great not to have to drive to get to bike trails.

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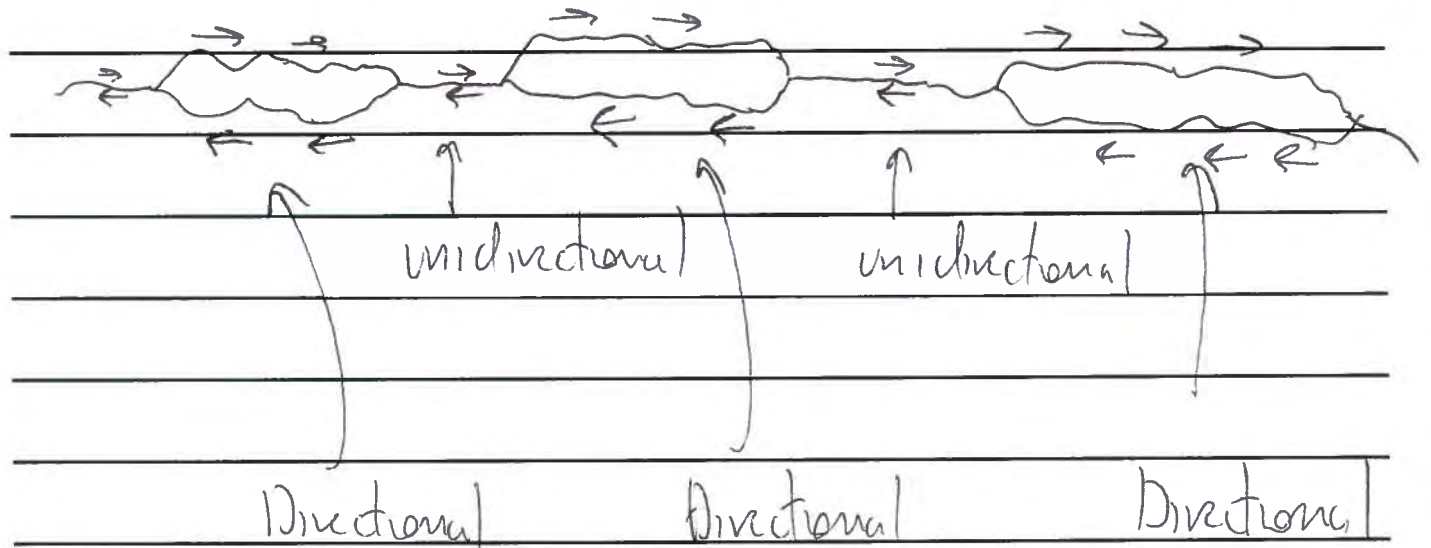
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Suggest directional trails that split & rejoin for uni-directional to reduce conflicts & increase mileage. E & W FLOW, EXAMPLE:



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*I am in full support of this project. More positive uses
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Name:

Email: matt.johnson@resdat.com

Matt Johnson

Phone: 907-223-3986

I'm a lifelong resident of the Chester Creek corridor. I support the single-track project enthusiastically. I consider it an excellent way to ACTIVATE the area for use by the entire community.

Thank you for initiating this tremendously positive recreational & community building project.

Matt Johnson

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Name: Brian Swartzentruber

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Phone: 907. 229. 8386

I wholeheartedly support this project. The Chester Creek trail system is one of the jewels of Anchorage. I live at 15th & E street and ride this trail frequently in the summer months and ~~some~~ a little in the winter. Anything that can promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage people to exercise is beneficial to everyone. As far as the homeless goes: my observations is a lot of these people are choosing to live like this. There ~~is~~ are many of these people that are dangerous and we need to take back our lovely trail system. Thanks, Brian

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I AM A RESIDENT OF ROGER'S PARK AND
UTILIZE THE CHESTER CREEK TRAIL FOR BIKES
COMMUTING, WALKING, SKIING AND TEACHING MY DAUGHTERS
HOW TO BICYCLE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT
OF MULTI-USE / MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS ADJACENT TO
THE EXISTING PAVED TRAILS. I STRONGLY
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THE MORE ENGAGING THE TRAIL DESIGN,
THE MORE LIKELY THE TRAIL WILL
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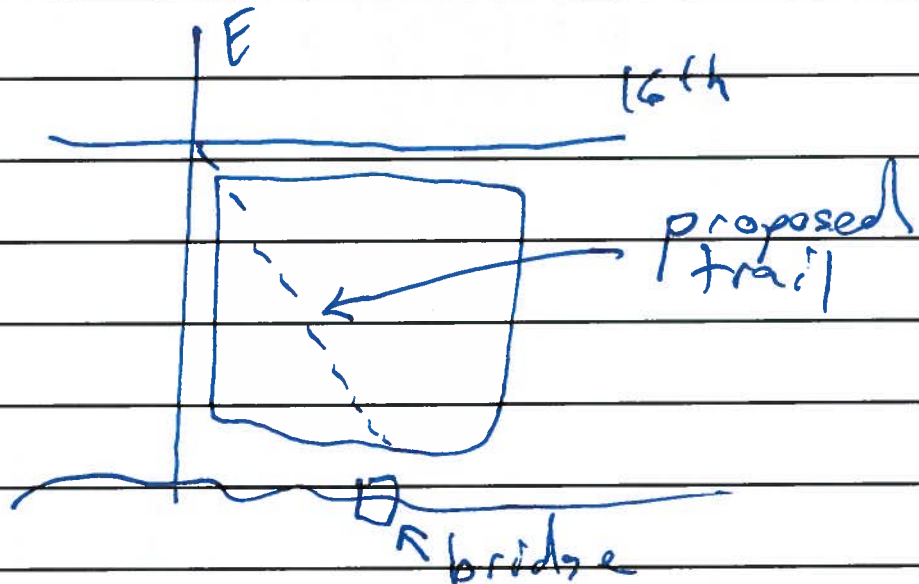
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Lets take the trail in Valley of the moon from 16th and E directly through the woods to the pedestrian bridge across the creek



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PLEASE DROP SINGLETRACK SYSTEM FROM EXISTING WALKING TRAILS @ VALLEY JUNCTION PARK!

- ADDS FUN ELEMENT TO PARK USED BY FAMILIES
- INCREASES USE THAT WOULD DISCOURAGE CHOP SHOP OPERATIONS THAT THRIVE IN THOSE WOODS NOW.
- MAKES ANOTHER PATH FOR BIKE COMMUTERS.
- DOGWALKERS WOULD LOVE IT; a great addition to dog park.
- EASY CONSTRUCTION (No wetlands, flat)
- REDUCE LITTER, EXCREMENT, NEEDLES, ETC. THERE NOW.
- FUN ADDITION TO ANCHORAGE!

Thanks!

[Signature]

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THIS IS A HIGHLY USED MULTI-USE TRAIL ALONG
CHESTER CREEK AND ANY ALTERNATING ROUTES
AND TRAILS COULD POTENTIALLY ALLEVIATE MULTI-USE
TRAFFIC CROWDS. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE
TRAILS FOR PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE AREA TO
START WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

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Name: James Sowerwine

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1st- Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

2nd- First, the trail will likely be used for more than cycling. winter time running options become very limited in Anchorage. As a daily/ year round runner, I seek out options that are off trail, hard packed & in natural settings. In December to April, that tends to be the single track in Kincaid & elsewhere, as the ski trails are in use & groomed, the turn again Arm Trail & Bird to Bird is snowed over, Chugach State Park is snowed, etc. Do expect more than cyclists with that in mind- the route will be a draw to runners in the winter, as the fat bikes will keep it groomed! Design criteria & clearing width could be adjusted to account for this.

Great concept overall - Thank you! James

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Name: Nicole Fredrick

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Phone:

I'm very excited about this idea. I live close to Valley of the Moon + use the paved trail system often. I'd like to see a mix of beginner + intermediate trails + maybe some skills work areas.

I would love to feel safe along the Chester Creek trail -and I currently do not. I won't use it to run or bike alone right now + hope there is a comprehensive plan to curb homeless camps and to patrol the area. maybe trail phones would be nice as well?

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These proposed trails are really exciting. As a regular user of Chester Creek trail and a mountain biker, this is a great idea for this park. I am concerned about the increasing trash from camps along this stretch and I support routing trails through the camp areas. If we route the trails to avoid the camps we effectively condone the camps and it will continue to be a problem. Of course, solutions to the homeless issue should also be addressed, but we need to reclaim the parks for safe recreation. I support adding technical sections and incorporating hills wherever possible since it's otherwise a mostly flat stretch. Improving existing social trails so wet ground doesn't get destroyed would be important. Thanks!

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I would like this new trail to be as fun as possible. I say that because single track serves a different purpose than the existing multi-use trail. Whereas the paved trail is for everyone and serves as the fastest way to get to a location without driving, single-track is intended for mountain bikers out to have fun. It would be sad to see this effort try to make it easy for all users and duplicate the paved path. Also, don't waste money bringing in fill to go through wetlands. If an area isn't conducive to single-track just let people continue to use the paved trail. Boardwalks would be better than fill. Utilize as many hills as possible and provide access points from neighborhoods.

Thanks!

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Name: Lee Hart

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Totally supportive of this project.

Appreciate the early efforts to engage public for input + ideas.

There is a very large constituency of people who tend to be dependable voters who are very enthusiastic + supportive of this project.

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(South Addition Home Owner)

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I'm concerned that w/o a comprehensive plan to address the homelessness, the trails ^{won't} ~~be~~ be enough to activate the spaces. For example, a short section south of the sports complex, right along the creek used to be very frequently used. Now it's all but closed to the camp there.

For there to be a true draw to MTBers, I think they'll need engaging features like beams, bridges, whoops, etc.

Keep up the good work

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I Grew UP Riding and building The
Social TRails around Chester Creek.
Thank You For working ON actual single
Track TRails!

What we Need is an ENTRY Level PUMP
Track BETWEEN C + A STREET That's accessible
FROM Fairview as well. We should
encourage the kids to Practice Their
SKILLS in a PUMP Track so This Project
SERVES Them as well

Thanks again,
NICK

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I would like to see the implementation of
skill building bicycle trails throughout the entire
commador.

This would help develop the future of our
city.

Schools could benefit from these trails to
offer outdoor P.E. classes.

Our youth, our future will benefit.

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- TREES GROW BACK, CUT THEM ALL

DOWN WHERE SIGHTLINES + SAFETY ARE IMPROVED

- I HEARD THE TERM "BRIDGES ARE EXPENSIVE" → SOLUTION → DON'T LET R&M

design them, give that portion to JACQUES BOUDET
AT

- ALSO BIKE BRIDGES (4'-0") ARE NOT TOO EXPENSIVE,
10'-6" BRIDGES ARE EXPENSIVE

- BUILD SOME JUMPS!

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Improved trails for biking, hiking, and skiing improves the quality of life in Anchorage. It promotes health and civic discourse by bringing people together with a shared common interest.
We need those trails

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Joyanne Howard

I support all the trails you can build - please make sure we can feel safe using them.

Also, please make the trails useable year-round - so they need to be wide enough for people to pass each other. Class 3?

This feels guised as a ploy to move homeless camps out of the greenbelt - but hopefully not at expense of cyclist safety.

How will city handle conflicts?

Thanks!

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Phone:

I'VE BEEN COMMUTING BY BIKE ALONG THE CHESTER CREEK TRAIL FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS. I'VE BEEN CHASED, YELLED AT, THREATENED AND PUSHED. I'VE HAD KNIVES BRANDISHED, AND GARBAGE THROWN AT ME, BY PEOPLE MARGINALIZED BY OUR SOCIETY. I'VE RIDDEN BY MOUNDS OF TRASH. THESE ~~NEW~~ TRAILS WON'T SOLVE THE ISSUES THAT PLAGUE THESE PEOPLE. THESE TRAILS WILL HELP PREVENT THESE CAMPS FROM BECOMING A PERMANENT FIXTURE ALONG CHESTER CREEK.

I SPENT 12 YEARS WITHOUT A CAR, MAKING KILCAHO AND HILLSIDE TRAILS A LUXURY. ACCESSIBLE SINGLE-TRACK, RIGHT IN TOWN, WOULD GIVE EVERY RIDER A CHANCE AT REAL TRAIL RIDING.

— THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION & TIME.

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Name: MARK SPANO

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— Whatever is done will be a plus ; however, given a limited budget I think the most important goal is to provide lots of good tie-ins to neighborhoods.

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Name: Cary Shiflea

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Recommend extending trail to Spenard Road + install pocket park at the former frisbee golf course area.

There is already a social trail between Valley of the Moon Park and Spenard Rd. Tunnel.

This would allow for complete connectivity, as best as possible for singletrack along Chester Creek. Also it would connect the new Spenard Bike Lane + Midtown to the singletrack.

Looking forward to helping build this great trail system!

Thanking!

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At the existing trail west of Hilsbrand Pond and east of Woodside Park, I recommend not spending money on a parallel trail or new trail through the woods. The forest is very boggy + wet and would require lots of fill - save the effort for areas with more potentially interesting terrain. The forested slope north of Rogers Park, all the way to Seward Highway could have potential for fun and interesting terrain + trails.

(between Maplewood Spur + Seward Hwy)

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This project is a fantastic idea. A parallel trail to Chester Creek connecting neighborhoods would give many mid- and downtown residents a quality mt biking experience. In addition, this will be good for businesses & tourism, giving visitors a place to ride without having to figure out how to get to Hillside or Kincaid. I can foresee this trail being extended along the Coastal Trail, through Earthquake Park and connecting to the Kincaid STA trails. The trail should be beginning to intermediate level with side-around for all features.

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I am always a proponent of programs that expand access to bike trails, but over the development of this program, I have been shocked at the vitriol I have seen towards displaced citizens from an otherwise friendly and inclusive cycling community. I worry that this program will only serve to further displace Anchorage residents without prospect of addressing the issue of homelessness. Again, I love the prospect of being able to ride single track across the city, I would love to see ~~a partnership~~ efforts to support affordable housing, mental health, and substance abuse rehabilitation programs, in ~~and~~

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It would be great to see an effort made to ~~accommodate~~ accommodate the homeless. Donation to low income housing, or real effort to help the homeless.

The Tilishka park area is fine for a single track.

Otto

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I agree with plan to not cut down trees for the new trails. (Unless they are invasive like the bird cherry tree!) I like idea to make trails fairly technical, so kids in the area can practice (not too difficult/dangerous, but not just plain dirt trail)

It would help commuters / kids / everyone if the new trails connected to neighborhood roads as much as possible.

Will you send out the preliminary design for public review? (just curious)

Trails just off the paved trail don't make sense for bikers but would work for runners.

Clearing brush definitely important so runners/riders don't score moose!

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY RESIDE IN CAMPS ALONG THESE ROUTES? IT SEEMS LIKE THE MWI IS USING US (CYCLISTS) AS A VEILED TOOL OF DISPLACEMENT.

FOR THE RECORD, I AM PRO-TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE IDEA OF ~~BE~~ PUSHING THE CAMPS OUT FOR OUR ENTERTAINMENT (VIA NEW TRAILS) IRKS ME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BUDGET IS FOR THIS, BUT I FEEL THAT MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IN OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.

- Harrison Law

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Class is too big - keep it small

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Name: Paul Hosmanek

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Maere is the hardest working best park planner ever.

hopefully the city will have many volunteer trail building days to get the users involved and create a sense of ownership and appreciation for the work it takes to build a trail. This trail project is a wonderful idea and will only add to the incredible active outdoor lifestyles of Anchorage citizens.

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In general I like the idea of improving some of these trails (and adding a few) with an eye towards good single track trails. Since these are adjacent to many neighborhoods any design needs to keep in mind that many walkers, and dog walkers use these trails now and will use anything out there in the future. So design the trails with biking in mind, but not in a way that excludes dogs, walkers, or skiers. That means not expert terrain and skills areas on main routes. Just simple class II trails, slightly better for biking than what exists now. In areas this close to neighborhoods other users than bikers must be accepted and respected as these improvements are made. Skills terrain should only be on offshoots, or spurs, and minimal at that. The area between Goose Lake and Lake Otis should be class 2 trails, keep them single track.

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general design considerations:

→ minimize single track trails crossing/meeting in and out of paved trail (especially in busy areas ~~and~~ such as Valley of the Moon Park)

→ with limited funds don't just duplicate existing paved trail (such as trail segment between Woodside Park/Seward Highway and Hillstand Pond (large wetland area))

→ consider loop trail in undeveloped park land adjacent to Northern Lights across from Goose Lake (legally part of Tikishla Park)

→ build only to class II level (less clearing)

→ when clearing, properly dispose of/remove mayday trees

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Please use existing bridges & as little add'l trail clearing as possible. The trail is already narrow with not much natural land/wildlife areas, I would hate to see a bunch of land clearing just for bikers.

I'm only somewhat supportive of this proposal, and only if it is multi-use - open to runners, etc. as well as bikers - if people want to ride with bikes fast they should go to the existing Hillside, etc. trails. Should be slow speeds & no trick logs, jumps, etc to entice more extreme riding.

Again, better to ~~go~~ use combo of existing paved w/ some dirt trails than tear up existing wet lands & natural areas for another trail.

Thanks for letting me put in my two cents worth

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I'd like to see a skills course, etc in the chunk of land south of the Tikishla Park ball fields, and where ball fields currently are.

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I'm excited about taking our greenbelt back from illegal camping. Thank you for the efforts.

I'm a local resident of west Anchorage and have watched this area decline. I am also an avid cyclist since the YMCA had a BMX track. ☺

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- I'm general this is a good idea. Some concerns:
- Keep trails narrow, single tracks. With proper trail etiquette people can pass with no problem. ^{Class 2} trails
 - These trails are all in areas that attract other trail users - not just bikers. Designed for bikes is great, but not limited to only bike use.
 - Dog poop. There really needs to be some sort of education on dog poop pick-ups.
 - It is more important for these trails to keep the out-in-the-woods feel than to make them so that everyone can ride them.

Most importantly - Thanks very much for having this event and taking comments. These are all of our parks, it is great to feel like we have a part in them.

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- Essentials:

- 4 foot cutting of vegetation

MAXIMUM

- Side trails must yield or stop when they merge with the main Chester Creek Trail

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I wholeheartedly support the efforts being made to increase the number of safe trails available for Anchorage to use. We live in Rogers Park, right next to the Chester Creek trail system so I see this area all the time. There are many trails cut through the woods already and I think maximizing those first and then focusing on where new trail connections can be made would be awesome!

Thank You So much for all the work your team has put into this project, Mid Town needs it!!

- Garth

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I live at Potlatch Circle right near Valley of the Moon and am a frequent user of the Chester Creek Trail and both a runner and cyclist.

I strongly support this project and the idea of improving/expanding the trail system along the Chester Creek ~~Corridor~~ Corridor. The existing social trails add variety and fun to my runs and rides along the main paved trail, and if they were improved and added to they would be even better and see more use and enjoyment by more people. They would also improve the safety of the main trail by expanding the area along the trail that receives frequent use by the public. Even small sections of fun singletrack add a lot of interest, variety, and challenge to a run or ride along the trail and

can turn what could otherwise be

a somewhat boring trip into an exciting urban adventure.

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Build Trails !!!

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- ⇒ need more social connections to all neighborhoods
- ⇒ minimize tree cutting. Class 2 trail in heavily treed areas
- ⇒ put in skills loops all along corridor @ various points for children in area

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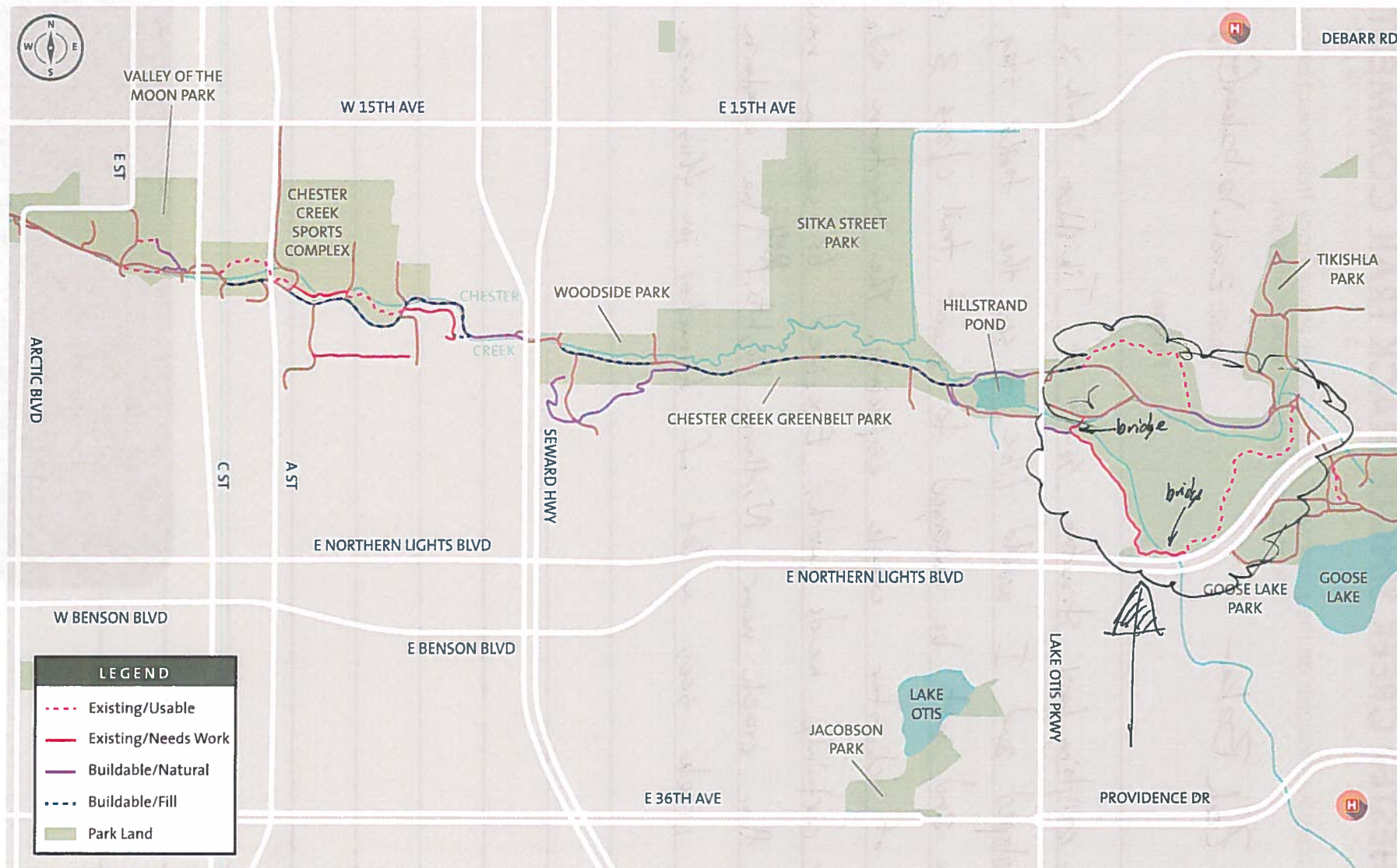
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The existing trail structure south of Tikhishka Park is well developed and I would like to see the trails stay the same width and not be enlarged to meet trail class 3 requirements. East of Chester creek especially. The Western side of the creek certainly needs work. Excited to see a new bridge over the creek near Northern Lights. ^{Also} The eastern side of the creek sees a lot of homeless in this area.

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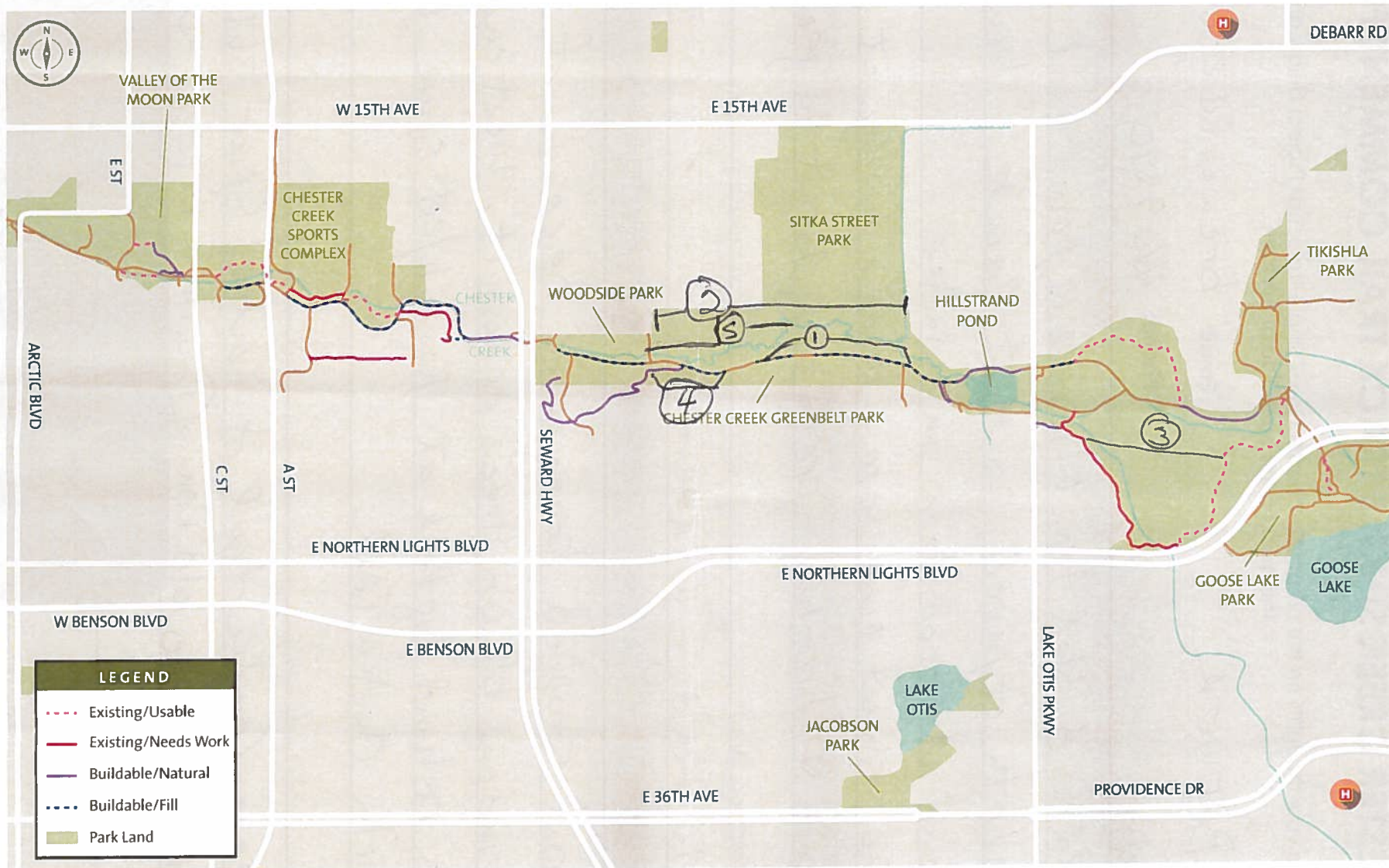
See MAP

- ① old Randy Sled trail - parallel paved trail to north of paved, south of Creek - brush and its good to go in winter
- ② - 20th street corridor - Needs a bridge at East end & brushing - pretty easy to get to year around -
- ③ old Randy - winter only
- ④ trail stopped being used because of wind blown trees across it. West end is behind big rock at Karluk/20th spur junction with Chester Trail
- ⑤ Senior Center trail of Karluk^{20th} Spur could be connected to old Randy ① with a bridge - wet.

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Sitka could use a good class 3 Loop. Perimeter?

→ have a boardwalk with Raised Platform
for ornithology & astronomy

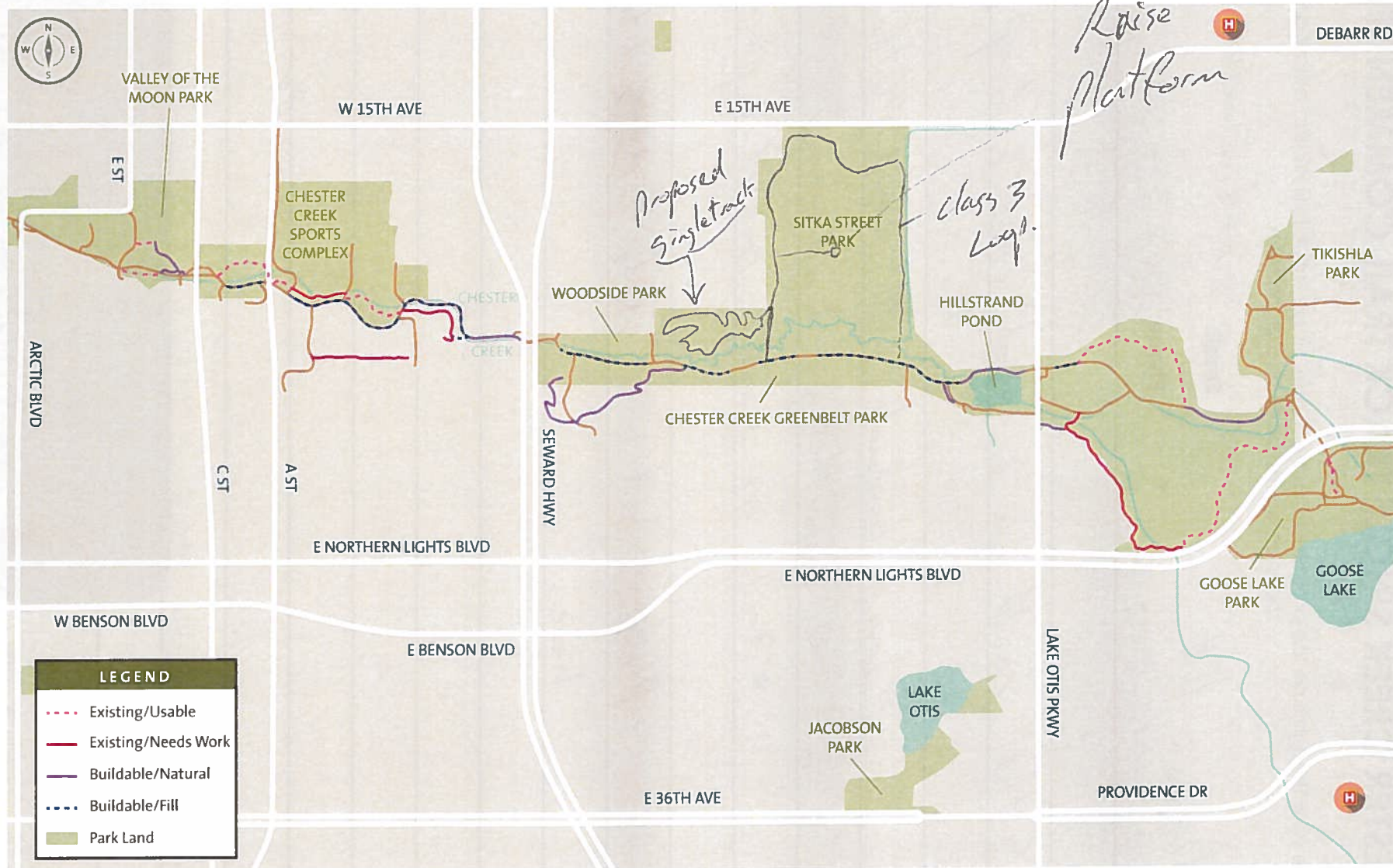
* trails are already roughed in places.

Please put in ^{or improve} a class 1 Singletrack trail
here.

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Re Sitka Street Park: Connect to a trail (existing) on west side of the North Fork of Chester Cr which now runs on west side of Sitka St, this would require a bridge across the creek. ^{where} This connection would enhance public safety and public use of Sitka St Park and the C.C. greenbelt ^{south} of the park (the park is airport land). Trail could connect ^{east-west} to 20th Ave ROW which could increase public use ^{& safety} of both greenbelt and park parcels/land.

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We love the idea of adding some "play sections" of singletrack to the Chester Creek trail experience.

Suggestions:

- focus efforts on 2 or 3 "sessionable" areas with optional skill-building features.
- spread "play" features along the trail corridor
- don't duplicate the amazing experiences available at Kincaid, Hillside & Bicentennial Park
- see map on back for suggested session areas and skills features

Thanks for the good work -- from two

single-track riders.

47 years old

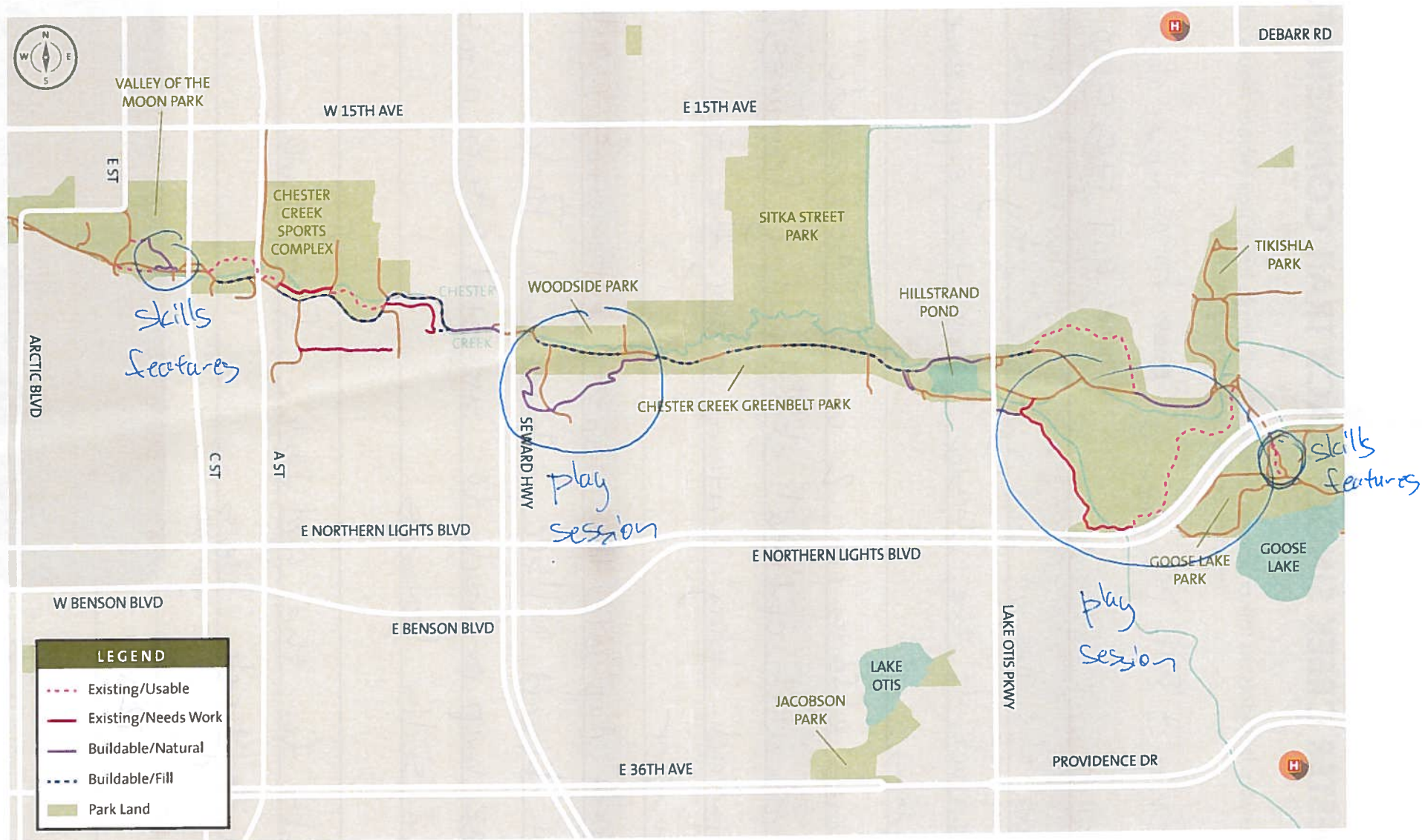
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January 24, 2019

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Dear Mr. Rodda,

We are writing to express our support for the Chester Creek single track trail project that would enhance public safety and expand trail amenities between Valley of the Moon Park and the UAA/APU campus. This project was the product of Community Council discussions about improved public safety in the park corridor, and the need to get more law-abiding users in our greenbelt parks.

The more people who walk, bike, and ski in the trail corridor, the safer the corridor will be. This project certainly adds a valuable new trail amenity that would serve many Anchorage neighborhoods. This trail will add to the recreation value of our public lands, improving local quality of life. By attracting more trail users to the park corridor, this trail would be one part of a larger set of public safety reforms that are necessary to keep our parklands safe.

Thank you for working to move this project forward expeditiously.

A stylized signature of Senator Tom Begich.

Senator Tom Begich
Senate Minority Leader

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