



GRANT COUNTY TRAIL LISTENING AND DESIGN SESSION

Meeting Notes

Williamstown High School

JUNE 2, 2016

The first public meeting to discuss the Grant County Trail Corridor was held on June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamstown High School Cafeteria. Approximately fifty residents participated in the listening and design session. Jeff Walters, Chairman of FFLAG, welcomed the attendees and explained the purpose of the meeting. The design session was led by consultants from the Kentucky League of Cities. Each table group was asked to answer three questions:

WHO will use the trail?

WHAT are the characteristics of the trail?

WHERE should the trail be located.?

WHO:

- Walkers
- Ped and bikers
 - ATV and equestrian
- Families – strollers and wagons
- Athletic communities – runners
- Hikers and backpackers
- Accessible

WHAT:

- Safety clear concise marked paths
- Restrooms/water – connections to existing parks
- Nature trail further out from cities (near Vet Cemetery)– cities have historical conditions
- Loops off main trails – for either horses, smaller towns
- Backbone trail with ancillary trails
- Fitness areas along trail
- Parking – trailheads
- Not just for cars but also for horse trailers

- Rough trails along streams for wildlife viewing
- Opportunities for local schools and conservation
- Picnic tables
- Areas for recharging (library)
- Edible trail
- Connect to farmers market
- Main spine along interstate with horse trails moving outward
- Park benches
- Mapping of trail on the trail – wayfinding – mile markers
- Focus on history and culture of community
- DON'T WANT straight line between points...
- Tie in all the lakes – branch off from main trail
- Streams and creeks
- Clearly marked 5K on trail
- Go thru wooded areas for hiking – primitive camping areas (Appalachian Trail...)
- Water trail for kayaking

WHERE:

- Between Highway 25 and I-75 – hit the small communities – west side of I-75 too for Ark, Cowtown, connect to library, farmers market, schools – grant county park – little trail heads
- Connect to existing trails
- Ambitious equestrian trails – four corners to Lusby Mill – and equestrian loop in Cordova area
- Prioritized actions
- Utilize existing infrastructure – shared on road or protected path
- Start at campground at Corinth – head over to Cordova – Lincoln Ridge Road – include Veterans Cemetery
- Tie in 3 springs campground near Corinth
- Nature related in the south
- Center area for family stuff
- Overlooks over valleys

Next Steps:

- Consultants will create a preliminary map with alternate routes based upon the input received from the community.
- FFLAG will share information from the meeting with its membership and the public.
- The second public meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016. Time and location to-be-determined. The purpose of this meeting will be to share the initial alternate routes with the public and receive feedback from FFLAG and the public.