

STANDIN G BOY TRAILS

Management
plan
fall 2022



TRAIL SYSTEM

- Master Plan: 35 miles of natural-surface trails
 - Multi-Use: 25 miles
 - Hiking-Only: 6 miles
 - Biking-Only: 5 miles
- Professional, high-quality design and construction
 - Manage user conflict in various ways: grade reversals, choke points, sight lines, etc.
- Funding: \$2.5M total cost; over \$2.4M of private dollars already raised (in addition to thousands of volunteer hours)
- Currently ~25 miles of highly utilized trails; remaining 10 miles flagged and environmental reviews complete; more construction underway

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

HIKING ONLY
 Old road beds are great for a solitary walk. **Do not descend down hills. Bikers please use Quick Draw and Straight Shot as climbing trails and avoid other paths.**

EASIEST, SHARED USE
 These shared use trails typically have gentle climbs and descents with obstacles such as rocks, gravel, roots, switchbacks, and other terrain variations.

EASIEST, BIKE-ONLY GRAVITY TRAIL
 These trails are bike-only downhill segments featuring bike-optimized descents with rollers and turns.

MORE DIFFICULT, SHARED USE
 These trails provide challenging riding with steep slopes, obstacles, narrow trail, bermed turns, large rollers, jumps, and other terrain variations.

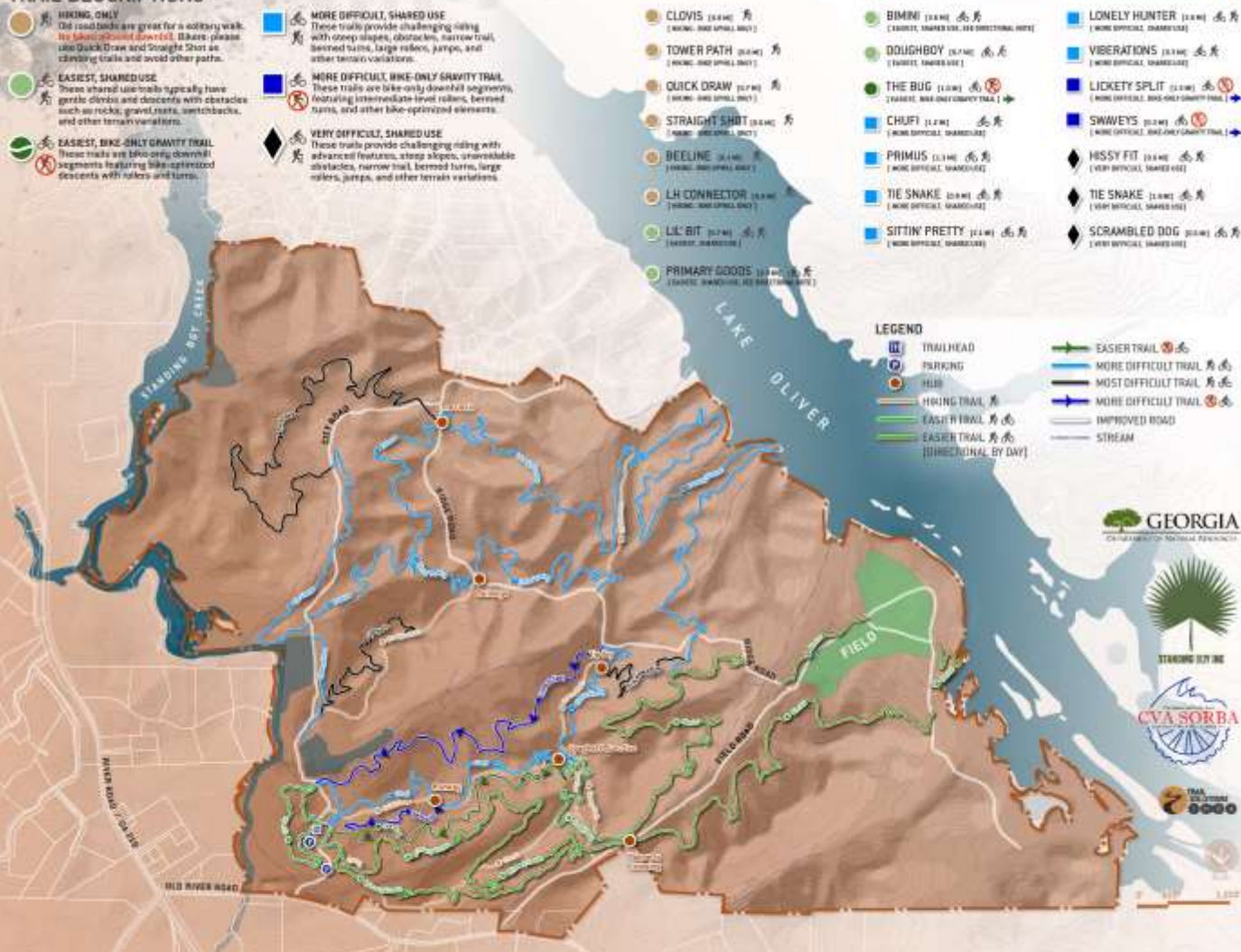
MORE DIFFICULT, BIKE-ONLY GRAVITY TRAIL
 These trails are bike-only downhill segments, featuring intermediate-level rollers, bermed turns, and other bike-optimized elements.

VERY DIFFICULT, SHARED USE
 These trails provide challenging riding with advanced features, steep slopes, unrideable obstacles, narrow trail, bermed turns, large rollers, jumps, and other terrain variations.

Directional Trails (Primary Goods and Bimini)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, Riders counter-clockwise (CCW) and Hikers clockwise (CW)

Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, Riders clockwise (CW) and Hikers counter-clockwise (CCW)



LEGEND

- TRAILHEAD
- PARKING
- BIKE
- HIKING TRAIL
- EASIEST TRAIL
- EASIEST TRAIL (DIRECTIONAL BY DAY)
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- PARKING
- BIKE
- HIKING TRAIL
- EASIEST TRAIL
- EASIEST TRAIL (DIRECTIONAL BY DAY)
- GREENER TRAIL
- MORE DIFFICULT TRAIL
- MOST DIFFICULT TRAIL
- MORE DIFFICULT TRAIL
- IMPROVED ROAD
- STREAM

GEORGIA
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

You are at "Standing Boy trails" Trailhead
 Latitude: 32.58002 degrees N
 Longitude: 85.02601 degrees W

The nearest hospital is Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside
 100 Frist Ct, Columbus, GA 31909

Please report any non-emergencies and criminal activity to the Columbus Police Department (706) 225-3205

Identify your location to the 911 operator by using the nearest intersection and/or trail marker.

ATTENTION
 Trails may close after rain. Bike-only gravity trails may be closed even when gate is open.

TRAIL STATUS AT: WWW.STANDINGBOY.ORG

Please help us keep the trails in awesome shape!

FOLLOW US!
 @StandingBoyTrails
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GET THE TRAIL MAP ON YOUR PHONE

MTB TRAILMAP

THE BENEFITS OF TRAILS



**OVERALL
HEALTH
AND WELL-
BEING**



**APPRECIATION
AND
STEWARDSHIP
OF NATURE**



COMMUNITY



EXERCISE



COMPETITION



**ATTRACT & RETAIN
BUSINESSES AND
WORKERS**



**INCREASE TOURISM
& COMPLEMENT
RUSHSOUTH**

Trails & Whitewater – A Perfect Fit



EXAMPLES

Ocoee

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National Whitewater
Center

Supporters

“ADVOCACY”
at
standingboy.org



City and State Elected Officials



Community Groups
and Leaders

Columbus 2025



Businesses and
Business Groups

Chamber of Commerce
Visitors Bureau



User Groups

Hikers, Runners, and
Bikers
Boy Scouts
Whitewater Express
CSU



Environmental Groups



Nearby Homeowners

Current situation

- DNR: not a great fit
 - Not a good WMA
 - Not a good State Park
 - Understandably impacts allocation of resources
- Fees
 - Collection of parking fee hampered by several factors
 - Fees that are collected are not being reinvested directly into the property
- City: does not have the resources to manage
- Current Investment and Management
 - Overwhelming majority of the investment and management being conducted by SBI
 - SBI paid for automated gate and more parking; paying for portable toilet

PROPOSAL

- **Objective:** put the local volunteer and nonprofit community in the best possible position to marshal resources to maintain and manage the property in a way that maximizes the benefit of the property to our region
- **IGA:** DNR enters into an intergovernmental agreement with the City
 - DNR understandably wants to enter into an arrangement with a local government entity
 - E.g., Sprewell Bluff in Upson County
- **Hunting:** eight quota hunts per year
 - All archery except for two youth turkey hunts
 - City has no responsibility whatsoever during hunts; DNR “retakes possession”
 - Trails closed until 10:00 during youth turkey hunts
- **Management:** City enters into management agreement with SBI

PERMITTED CONSTRUCTION

- “Gravel parking lot and trails”
- Trail System Master Plan
 - Must use modern best-practices in design and construction
- Trailhead Master Plan
 - Continue with minimal, low-maintenance facilities close to Old River Road
- Maintenance Facilities
 - Minimal facilities to support construction and maintenance (e.g., tool shed)

Sbi obligations

- **Construct:** Trail System and Trailhead Master Plans; Maintenance Facilities As Needed
- **Maintain and Manage:** Trail System and Trailhead
 - Pay all associated costs, including utilities, portable toilets, etc.
- **Liability Insurance:** provide coverage for DNR and City (already doing so)
- **Information to City:** provide as necessary for City to ensure compliance by SBI
- **Parking Fee:** collect reasonable fee
 - E.g., \$5 per day and \$100 per year
 - Reinvest proceeds into the property and SBI mission



SBI MISSION

First, **protect and preserve** the natural beauty and abundant resources of the property for the benefit of present and future generations;

Second, create, maintain, and manage a **spectacular natural-surface trail system** that is consistent with the natural state of the property; and

Third, leverage the natural beauty of the property and the trail system to

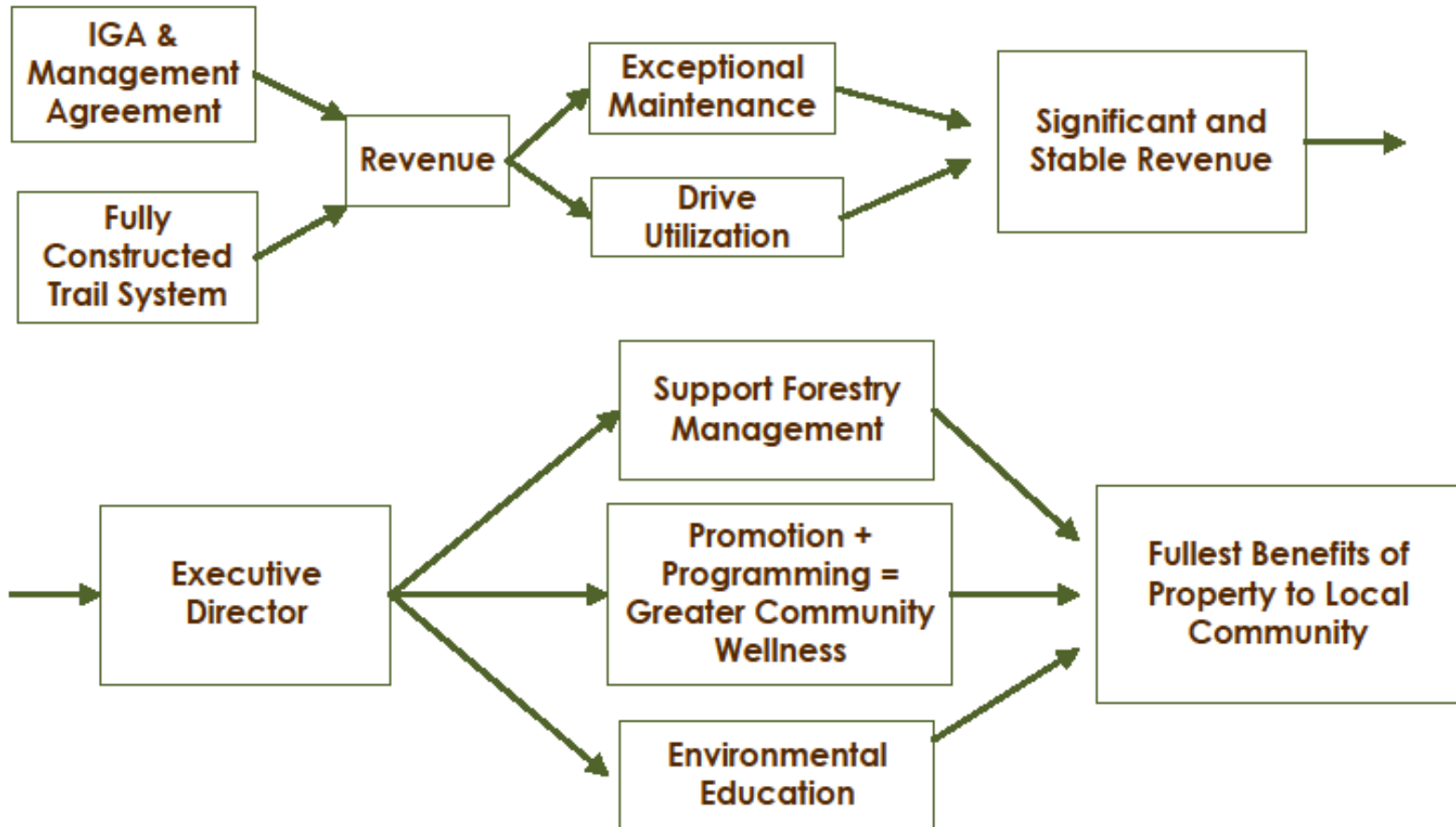
- support sound **forestry management** and ecological practices on the property;
- foster **healthier, happier lives** through physical activity in a natural



CITY OBLIGATIONS

- Law enforcement and emergency response
 - Respond to issues; no “patrolling” or the like
 - Unaware of any needs to date
 - Have signage for an emergency response / trail maintenance map
- Financial
 - No financial obligations
 - Cooperate with applications for grants (i.e., no financial obligation; SBI will write)
- Management Obligations: none other than monitor SBI compliance with agreements
- Ability to Abort: City may terminate IGA within 45 days if SBI fails to fulfill its obligations

IMPORTANCE OF IGA & MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT



MOVING FORWARD

- Construction (Ongoing)
 - Complete Trail System
 - Significant construction Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
 - Complete Spring 2023 – Fall 2024
 - Gradually Build-Out Trailhead Master Plan
 - Changing stalls
 - Bike racks, benches, picnic tables
 - Additional or better restrooms?
- Management Plan Approval
- Organizational Infrastructure (Fall 2022)
 - Email and text message systems
 - Larger board and committees
 - Charging and collection of fees
 - Sponsorship and Patron Program

- Management Plan Implementation (2023)
 - Drive Utilization
 - Stable Revenue and Operating Finances
 - Hire Executive Director
- Third Prong of Mission (2024)
 - Focus on partnerships
 - Forest Management and Stewardship
 - Riverbank
 - Plantings (e.g, milkweed)
 - Utilization
 - Target new-to-the-outdoors users
 - Diversity
 - Environmental Education
 - Interpretive signage
 - Social media