

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Memorandum of Agreement – Mountain Bike Trail Project  
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**Department:** Parks and Landscapes  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Item Description:** Consider an MOU with the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. to construct a mountain bike trail park at the former County landfill on Watts Road.

### Summary Recommendation:

Through a MOU agreement, the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. organization will use a portion of a \$450,000 trail grant from the Chestnut Family Foundation to construct biking trails on the former landfill site on Watts Road. The site's proximity to the old railroad bed designated as the Hi-Lo trail and Pineora Park. The site's terrain and the synergy of the area makes this an ideal location.

### Executive Summary/Background:

- Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. is responsible for all costs, including design and construction.
- The County is allowing the use of the former landfill for the trails. Staff has discussed beneficial re-use of the land with GA-EPD and as long as the soil cap is not excavated, this is permissible.
- The County is agreeable to assisting with construction with loads of dirt and other low-cost or no-cost items provided by the Parks and Landscapes Department.
- The intended use is passive as well as a summer camp held by Georgia Hi-Lo trail.
- The County would assist with maintenance of the trail long-term as needed.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

- 1 - Approve staff to negotiate a MOU for a mountain bike trail park with Georgia Hi-Lo Trail.
- 2 – Take no action – Request more information
- 3 - Deny

**Recommended Alternative:** Alternative 1

**Other Alternatives:** Alternative 2

**Department Review:** County Engineer; County Attorney

**Funding Source:** No new funding requested.

**Attachments:**

1. MOU
2. Conceptual plan