

Staff Report

Subject: Memorandum of Agreement – Mountain Bike Trail Project
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Department: Parks and Landscapes
Meeting Date: May 17, 2022
Item Description: Consider an MOU with the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. to construct a mountain bike trail park at Pineora Park.

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 at Pineora Park. The site's proximity to the old railroad bed designated as the Hi-Lo trail. 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 a portion of the park for the trails.
- 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.
- Georgia Hi-Lo Trail has created a chapter of the Southern Off-Roads Bicycle Association (SOBRA), who has collaborated with the Southeast GA SORBA (SEGA-SORBA) to provide liability insurance and governance for the grant and construction of the trails.
- Hi-Lo Trail intends to hold a summer bike camp, Kids Bike League mountain bicycling programming, starting June of 2022.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

- 1 - Approve a MOU for a mountain bike trail park with Georgia Hi-Lo Trail and SEGA-SORBA.
- 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. Vicinity Map