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Calero County Park Trails Master Plan
Trails Plan Process

Community Outreach is integral to each phase.

- Program Development
  - 2 Online Questionnaires
  - Open House 1 - May 21, 2011
  - Open House 2 - May 25, 2011
  - Follow-Up Correspondence
  - PRC Presentation (April 2011)

- Alternatives
  - Community Meeting (Sept 2011)
  - PRC Presentation 1 (Nov 2011)
  - PRC Presentation 2 (Mar 2012)
  - Follow-Up Correspondence

- Master Plan
  - Community Meetings (to be determined)
  - PRC Presentations (to be determined)
  - HLUET Presentation (to be determined)
  - Board of Supervisors Presentation (to be determined)
  - Follow-Up Correspondence

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Community & PRC Comments

Peace of Mind
The equestrian trail experience is diminished by the anticipation of a potential conflict with bicyclists on shared trails. This is an issue for riders of all experience levels. Incident reports and other hard data do not capture this qualitative issue.
Community & PRC Comments

Partner Agency Coordination
More coordination is needed between OSA and County Parks regarding integration of trail uses across boundaries, especially related to dogs-on-leash and trail phasing.
Community & PRC Comments

Trail Width
Many users would prefer wider multi-use trails than traditional single-track to give users space to “get out of the way” when needed.
Community & PRC Comments

Solutions that Work
If there is an area of the park for limited use (for example, for equestrian and hiking use only), then it needs to be functional and enforceable with adequate signage, policies, etc.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

**Peace of Mind**
Consider expanding limited use area in the historic “core” area of the Park while proposing full multi-use in newer areas of the Park, consistent with Strategic Plan policy and practice.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Partner Agency Coordination
Continue to coordinate with OSA and other partner agencies to address issues in the next phase of the project.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Trail Width
Provide more detail on trail width and other trail design standards in the next phase of the project. Allow for continued community input and review.
Trail Width Factors

- User Preference
- Topography
- Soil Conditions
- Natural Resource Management
- Emergency Access
- Service/Maintenance Access
- Construction methods
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Solutions that Work
Provide more detail in the next phase of the project on design standards and policies that will support successful implementation, including signage, education and enforcement. Allow for continued community input and review.
Trail Design Guidelines and Standards

- Trail Width/Sections
- Whole Access Trails
- Erosion Control
- Signage
- Fencing/Barriers
- Trail Amenities
- Staging Areas
Policies

• Enforcement
• Education
• Volunteer Programs
• Implementation Priorities
March 2012 Draft Preferred Alternative

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Draft Preferred Alternative
Mar. 7, 2012

Data Source: Basemap derived from USGS Digital Elevation Model (DEM) acquired from www.seamless.gov
Calero County Park data courtesy of Santa Clara County

Regional Connections

Hiking & Dogs-on-Leash

Equestrian, Hiking, Dogs-on-Leash

Bikes, Equestrian, Hiking Dogs-on-Leash

Future Conditional Trail Additions

Dog on Leash Coordination with OSA

Condition Notes:
1. Based on drivability of Catamount Trail (OSA).
2. Add trail based on western Serpentine Loop trail segment being removed.
3. Add trail based on regional trail connections being developed and trail easements being secured.
4. Add trail based on acquisition of private properties.

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Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative
Calero “Core” – expansion of limited use area

November 2011

March 2012
Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative

Casa Loma Road Area – Identification of Dog-on-Leash Study Area and Conditional Trails

November 2011

March 2012
Community Comments on March 7 Plan

I am very glad to see that bicycle access is being expanded within the park and that connections to other parks are being provided.

Although I am excited that new regional connections will be provided, I am also disappointed that the possibility of a loop route through Calero Park itself has been removed.

I do see the potential for some additional compromise. The inclusion of a park loop trail will allow bicyclists to fully circumnavigate and enjoy the park, while keeping a substantial section of the "core" area reserved for hikers and equestrians.
Next Steps

Further refinement of Draft Preferred Alternative Trail Uses / “Peace of Mind”:

1. Provide a multi-use parkwide trail loop for all users, including bicyclists.

2. Continue to provide limited use trails (equestrians, hikers, dogs on leash).

3. Continue to provide smaller multi-use loops, through-connections to other parks, and regional trail connections for all users.
Next Steps

Partner Agencies
Continue to coordinate with OSA regarding:

1. Improving access/aligning uses with OSA trails network.

2. Shared use of Catamount Trail.

3. Dog-on-leash restrictions on selected trails with connections to OSA property.
Next Steps

Trail Design / “Solutions that Work”
Continue to consider:

1. Factors that influence trail width.
2. A comprehensive approach to “solutions that work”, including trail design, signage, education and enforcement.
3. Phasing and implementation.
Next Steps

Process

1. Complete Alternatives Report including information to date.

2. Return to PRC with Alternatives Report in May 2012.

3. Continued refinement of Draft Preferred Alternative will occur in next (Master Plan) phase.

4. Continue to incorporate community input.