

Planning Considerations for a BCP Trail Master Plan Proposal

Use

1. What uses are being sponsored?
2. Who is/are the sponsors?
3. What resources is/are sponsor(s) offering to provide?
4. What resources is/are the sponsor(s) seeking from the land manager?
5. How will this trail comply with the BCP (from TMP and Strategic Vision)?
6. How will user conflicts be avoided?

Trail

1. What is the approximate length of the proposed trail? (Please provide a map.)
2. What is the proposed surface of the trail?
3. Are there any potential structural components?
4. What is the type and expected extent of clearing created by the proposed trail?
5. What type of habitat is expected to be affected? (Use TMP process documents as a guide.)
 - a. Can occupied habitat, karst, springs, and plants be avoided by >100 meters?
 - b. If habitat cannot be avoided, what are the proposed actions to mitigate?
6. How will IMBA design standards and specifications be met?
7. How will cultural and other sensitive resources be protected?

Facilities

1. Will parking be onsite or off BCP property?
 - a. If the parking is onsite, what is the proposed mitigation?
 - b. Is any impervious cover proposed?

2. Are structural facilities proposed?
 - a. Will they be located onsite or offsite?
 - b. If onsite, what is the proposed mitigation?
 - c. Is any impervious cover proposed?

Operations

1. User management
 - a. How will intensity of use be managed and/or maintenance be adjusted to address intensity?
 - b. How will enforcement and security be addressed?
 - c. What design and education components are proposed to keep users on trails?
2. Resource impacts (protected species, soil, water, and plant communities)
 - a. What design and/or management components are proposed to avoid impacts to protected species, soil, water, and plant communities?
3. How will uninterrupted preserve operations be provided for:
 - a. Species monitoring
 - b. Animal population management (deer, hogs, brown-headed cowbird)
 - c. Habitat manipulation
 - planting/restoration
 - burning
 - mechanical and chemical treatments
 - d. Safety of personnel and users
4. How do you propose to provide long-term maintenance and repairs, enforcement, and monitoring?
5. How do you propose to support monitoring of the potential impacts from this trail on protected species, soil, water, and plants?