

Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance - Phase II Trail Planning Project Woodford, Franklin and Owen Counties, Kentucky

March 12, 2016 Trail Planning Workshop Recommendations

The following recommendations were generated from the March 12, 2016 Trail Planning Workshop meeting participants. Each Trail Focus Group was asked to identify their top priorities, recommendations and or ideas that were envisioned during the workshop. This list of items is considers a work in progress as the list is reviewed and modified as the meeting participants provide additional input. This information and the trail corridor recommendations illustrated on the county maps will be the foundation for the Phase II – Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance master plan for the three counties.

Hiking Trail Focus Group

Goals

- Income, health & Welfare of county residents
- Attract national and international travelers to the region

Priorities

- Connect Versailles to Midway (University Farm connect to Old Frankfort and end by Spring Station)
- Hiking trails along Elkhorn
- Connect Frankfort & Woodford on 421 and/or McCracken Pike
- Start at Midway City Park through Midway University to Wiesenberger Mill
- “Anderson Property” (Midway 164 Exit north) access to the Elkhorn
- Life Adventure to Buckley Three Clifton
- KU Tyrone Plant Rehab (Park) canoe, bike, hike into Lexington & Versailles
- Woodford County Park at Tyrone
 - Access for High School students
 - Access for all
 - K. U. plant being abandoned
- Connect Franklin & Owen County along US 127 (will be reconstructed in the next 10 years) Multi-use trail

Bicycle Touring Trail Focus Group

Goals

1. Creating Bike Safety Awareness
 - a. Bike warning/share the road signs
 - b. Drivers Ed – include bike awareness into the curriculum
 - c. Encourage adoption of STRAVA among the Bluegrass Cycle Clubs and road riders
2. Regional Connectivity
 - a. Federal Dollars
 - b. Marked bike routes with signage and pavement arrows



- c. Bourbon Bike Trail
- d. Create web page and printed maps to be available at all of the local tourism centers
- e. Decisions based on a Bike Comfort Index Road Analysis
- f. Adopt STRAVA to record trail usage
3. Design & Develop Multi-Use Pathways
 - a. Economic and community recreational value
 - b. Versailles to Midway (RT 62) and Midway to Frankfort (421)
4. Trail Town Certification – Begin the process
 - a. Midway
 - b. Versailles
5. Town Branch Trail Connection
 - a. East/West
 - b. Connect to Legacy Trail North/South

Priorities

1. US 62 Midway to Versailles – future off-roadway multi-use path
2. Connect 33 from Versailles to Scott’s Ferry and Carpenters Pike – off-roadway multi-use path
3. This section of Old Frankfort Pike needs to be safer (See corresponding number on the map)
4. Road in question as to its being accessible (See corresponding number on the map)
5. Multi-use trail connecting Moorses Mill to Coach Station Road
6. Identify and promote US Bike Route 21 through Woodford and other areas
7. More Shared Use Paths off of the highway (Marked clearly on the Comp. Plan i.e. Legacy Trail)
8. Millville to Frankfort (421) – (Cap. View) following railway bed – could extend to Midway
9. Need to do a quantitative analysis of roads “Road Comfort Index”

Equestrian Trail Focus Group

Principles

- Always plan for and implement trail corridors for people, bikes and horses
- Educate drivers on what to do/not do around horses on trails
- Provide public incentives for public recreational use easements

Priorities

- Inventory of Equine B&B or Horse Hotels in the region
- Signage/trails in southern Woodford County for current riders and trailhead at Heart & Horizon Farm on Fords Mill Road
- Trail from Life Adventure Center to Falling Springs
- Trail from Life Adventure Center to Millville Community Center/Buckley Wildlife Center
- Trail from Downtown Midway to Masterson Park and South Scott County along Leestown and or Weisenberger Mill Road
- BIG DREAM - *Trail from Woodford County UK Farm to KSU Farm in Franklin County to UK Farm in Owen County*

Trailhead Recommendations

- Woodford County



- Life Adventure Center
- Falling Springs
- Millville Community Center
- Midway
- South Woodford at Hearts and Horizon on Fords Mill Road
- Owen County
 - Klebler Wildlife Management Area

Water/Paddle Trail Focus Group

Priorities

- Woodford County – No public access for the Elkhorn and Kentucky River
- North and South Access points – Elkhorn Creek
- Gratz has potential for:
 - Business Development
 - Adventure Tourism
 - Boat Landing & Dock
 - KRA
 - More access points (Montorey)
- Anderson County needs to be included in the water trail planning on the Kentucky River
- South Elkhorn Access
 - Midway Bridge
 - Fishers Mill
 - Moore’s Mill

Mountain Bike Trail Focus Group

Priorities

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Historic Route Focus Group

Priorities

- Signage/Recognition/Promotion of historic sites in the region
- Networking between historical assets
- More involvement from elected officials in community projects
- Plan a one day visit to the historical assets in each of the three counties
- Lewis & Clark traveled through the Bluegrass Region before and after the Westward Expedition



Initial Historic Sites & Cultural Features Inventory

Woodford County					
No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location
1	Jack Jovetl House	10	Munday's Landing	19	Life Adventure Center
2	John Jacob Crittenden Cabin	11	Bluegrass Railroad Museum	20	Woodford County Quilt Trail
3	Buckley Wildlife	12	Cole Tavern	21	Airdire Farm
4	Millville Historic Distilleries	13	Cleveland House – Woodford Inn	22	2 nd Christian Church - Midway
5	Kentucky River	14	Wiesenberger Mill	23	Penn Oak Farm
6	Castle	15	Historic Downtown Versailles	24	Tyrone Sites
7	Midway College	16	Wallace Station Historic District	25	
8	Historic Midway Train	17	Fayewood Historical Churches		
9	Piscah Church – Hist. Area	18	Lock & Dam #6 Kentucky River		

Franklin County					
No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location
1	Old Capital & Governor's Mansion	5	Frankfort Historic District	9	Paul Sawyer Library
2	Existing Capital & Governor's Mansion	6	Cove Springs Park	10	Franklin County Cemetery
3	Kentucky State University	7	Old Stone Tavern	11	Daniel Boone Grave
4	Kentucky State Arsenal	8	Frankfort Fish Hatchery		

Owen County					
No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location	No.	Name/Location
1	Mason Brown House	7	Ford House	13	Jacob Hunter House
2	Byrns Landing	8	Enos Hardin Farm	14	William Linsey House
3	Central Owenton Historic District	9	Monterey Grade School	15	North Main-North Adams Historic District
4	Monterey Grade School	10	New Liberty Historic District	16	Old Cedar Baptist Church
5	E.E. Settle House	11	Blue Wing Landing	17	McKay House
6	L.O. Cox House	12	Highfield		

