

**Community Focus Statement C:** Improve mobility and reduce vehicle trips through the development of multi-purpose trails that connect key nodes/activities within and between the communities.

**Action Statement C.2: Identify opportunities to extend existing trails or modify existing trails to serve multiple uses.**

**Benchmark:** Establish an extensive trail network in the Hilltop communities.

**Champion:** Local community groups

**Estimated Cost:** \$8,000–\$13,000 per mile, plus maintenance and land acquisition costs

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Example of a multi-use trail in a mountainous area. Photo source: michaelwm25

Rim of the World Scenic Trail Resource Action Team has already identified projects and is seeking funding for a number of projects. The Hilltop communities have a variety of existing trails to serve recreational uses such as hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Similar to Action Statement C.2, the Hilltop communities should map existing trails and identify which trails could be expanded to serve multiple uses. For example, a five foot wide walking path may have right of way to expand to include a dirt trail for equestrian uses or concrete path for bicyclists. Mapping existing trails identify opportunities to extend existing trails or modify existing trails to serve multiple uses. Existing tails could be expanded to better suit the communities needs and expand

recreational opportunities in the community.

The Hilltop community could conduct a community-based inventory to identify existing trail resources, and identify existing trails that would be appropriate to expand into multi-use trails or connect to other existing trails. As part of the physical asset inventory, it is essential to pay attention to facilities in the community that are underused. Community groups or nonprofit organizations can assist in identifying potential sites where trail conversion or addition would be the most cost effective and feasible. By expanding multi-use trails in the community, Hilltop could improve mobility and reduce vehicle trips to key nodes within and between neighboring communities.

After the community identifies opportunities to extend existing trails or modify existing trails to serve multiple uses, funding can be identified and secured.

## IN PROCESS

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a Trail Team	Champion	Month 1	National Park Service Handbook for Trail Design and Construction and Maintenance <a href="https://www.nps.gov/noco/learn/management/ncttrailconstructionmanual1.htm">https://www.nps.gov/noco/learn/management/ncttrailconstructionmanual1.htm</a>  US Forest Service, Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook <a href="https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/pdfpubs/pdf07232806/pdf07232806dpi72.pdf">https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/pdfpubs/pdf07232806/pdf07232806dpi72.pdf</a>
2. Identify areas that are unserved or underserved by existing trails and cannot be accessed through current or future trails in existing rights-of-way or easements, and determine where new trails should go.	Trail Team	Months 1 – 3	
3. Prioritize trails to be constructed.	Trail Team with community	Months 4 – 5	
4. Secure easements from landowners to construct prioritized trails.	Trail Team	Months 6 – 12	
5. Recruit volunteers for trail construction and maintenance.	Trail Team	Months 9 – 12	
6. Construct prioritized trails.	Trail Team	Years 1 - 2	
7. Mount signage indicating newly constructed trails, and update maps and other informational resources as appropriate.	Trail Team	Years 1 – 2	
8. Revise prioritization of remaining trails as needed, and add new trails to prioritization list as opportunities arise.	Trail Team	Year 2, on-going	
9. Continue to construct trails.	Trail Team	Year 2, on-going	
10. Maintain trails.	Trail Team	Year 2, on-going	