

Community Focus Statement C: Improve public and equestrian safety within Muscoy.

Action Statement C.5: Identify existing and potential horse and pedestrian trails with a community-sponsored wayfinding program.

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Benchmark: Formation of a citizen’s pedestrian and trails advisory group and development of a plan that outlines a “wellness and walking” corridor(s) or network through the community.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community **Estimated Cost:** \$5,000–\$100,000



Keeping and riding horses is a common practice in Muscoy. Photo source: Michael Baker International

The Lytle Creek Wash runs along the western edge of the Muscoy community. Many large-lot single-family residential properties are located adjacent to the river, but most of the area is not accessible for recreation. In addition, there is limited pedestrian access and connectivity both within the community and to nearby recreational resources such as the wash. Connectivity and pedestrian and equestrian safety are among the top concerns articulated by Muscoy residents. In recognition of the community’s desire for additional pathways and connections, it is recommended that the community work with local property owners, the County, the Flood Control District, the Natural Resources Conservation District and the San Bernardino County Department of Regional Parks, to establish a community wellness and

walking corridor, a network of formal and informal pathways through the community, new trails that would connect to the Lytle Creek Wash, and wayfinding signage to direct users to and through this network of pathways.

With its natural beauty and wide open spaces, the community of Muscoy offers ample opportunity for outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, and riding. While there are not currently any County-maintained sidewalks or trails in the area, there is an extensive network of informal pathways. In many instances, these paths traverse residential lots and provide uncontrolled access to and around the Lytle Creek Wash.

Pedestrian pathways and multi-use trails offer public health, economic, and transportation benefits for communities, such as providing attractive, safe, and accessible places to cycle, walk, hike, or ride, opportunities for exercise and mental respite, and habitat conservation. The planning team should work with the community to identify a network of both formal and informal pathways that could create a wellness and walking corridor through the community. The new corridor could consist of informal pathways and buffered pedestrian shoulders along existing roads and should include signage, wayfinding, and amenities to create a navigable and cohesive network. The corridor plan should give special consideration to connecting the community to nearby amenities and open spaces such as the Lytle Creek Wash. New pedestrian and bicycle links are encouraged from pedestrian activity areas



such as schools, parks, and commercial centers to the nearby street and/or path system. In addition, a multi-use trail along the creek is recommended for hiking and equestrian purposes to give residents the opportunity to venture into a more natural setting while remaining close to home.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a meeting to engage with the community to establish a citizens pedestrian and trails advisory group.	Champion with support from community members	Months 1 – 2	San Bernardino County Regional Parks http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Home.aspx
2. Work with the County and property owners to identify and map a network of both formal and informal pathways that could create a wellness and walking corridor through the community, including access points along the wash.	Pedestrian and trails advisory group	Months 2 – 4	San Bernardino Flood Control District http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/floodcontrol.aspx Park, trail, and recreation grant funding http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/ http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/ http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/acquisition/financing-and-funding/ http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324
3. Work with the San Bernardino Flood Control District to establish a joint agreement for public access and recreational use of the wash.	Pedestrian and trails advisory group	Months 4 – 6	Bicycle and pedestrian facility funding resources http://www.calbike.org/funding_sources
4. Draft and adopt a plan that outlines a wellness and walking corridor to include existing and proposed pathways and multi-use trails, and a wayfinding program for the corridor.	Pedestrian and trails advisory group	Months 6 – 12	Complete Streets Local Policy Workbook – from Smart Growth America HTTP://WWW.SMARTGROWTHAMERICA.ORG/DOCUMENTS/CS-LOCAL-POLICY-WORKBOOK.PDF
5. Apply for grant funding for construction of new pathways/trails and/or installation of wayfinding signage along the corridor.	Group with pedestrian and trails advisory group	Month 12 – onward	A Resident's Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities - from US Department of Transportation http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/PED_BIKE/ped_cmni/ped_walkguide/residents_guide2014_final.pdf
6. Consider Incorporation of proposed pathway and trail projects into the 5-year CIP or budget.	Group	Months 12 – 16	A Resident's Guide for Creating Safer Communities for Walking and Biking http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped_cmni/ped_walkguide/residents_guide2014_final.pdf
7. Install wayfinding signage to direct users to and through the wellness and walking corridor.	Pedestrian and trails advisory group	Months 12 – 18	Rails to Trails Conservancy - Stories of Volunteers Creating and Caring For Their Trails https://www.railstotrails.org/resourcehandler.aspx?id=2997
8. Start construction on new community pathways and trails.	San Bernardino Regional Parks	Month 18 – Year 5	
9. Continue ongoing operation and maintenance of community pathways and trails.	Pedestrian and trails advisory group, with support from community organizations, schools, churches, volunteers	Years 1 – 5	Latino Health Access, Wellness Corridor http://www.latinohhealthaccess.org/wellness-corridor/