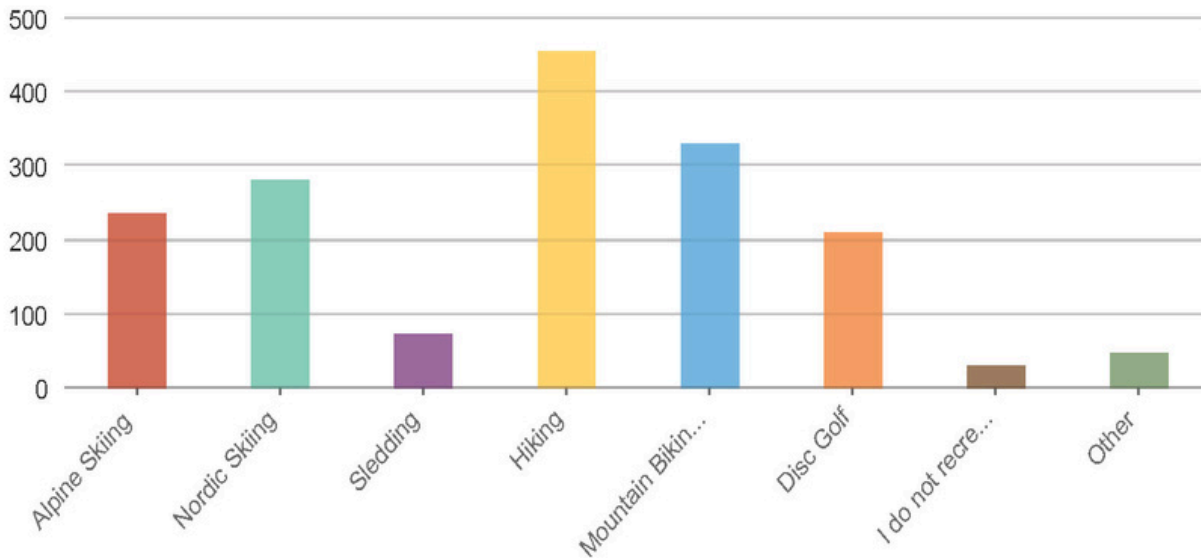




HICKORY HILLS FEASIBILITY STUDY

TRAIL NETWORK SURVEY | AUGUST 2022

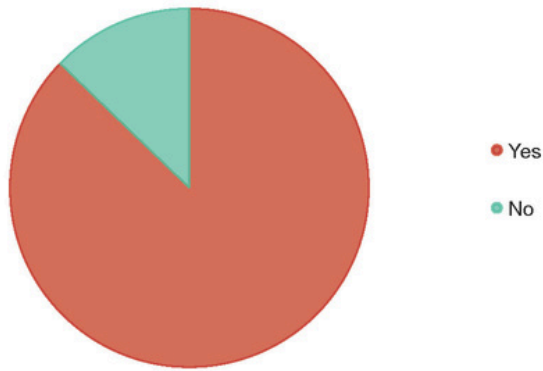
How do you recreate at Hickory Hills Recreation Area?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Alpine Skiing	236	33.19%
Nordic Skiing	282	39.66%
Sledding	74	10.41%
Hiking	456	64.14%
Mountain Biking	331	46.55%
Disc Golf	211	29.68%
I do not recreate in the area	31	4.36%
Other	48	6.75%

Answered: 711 Skipped: 0

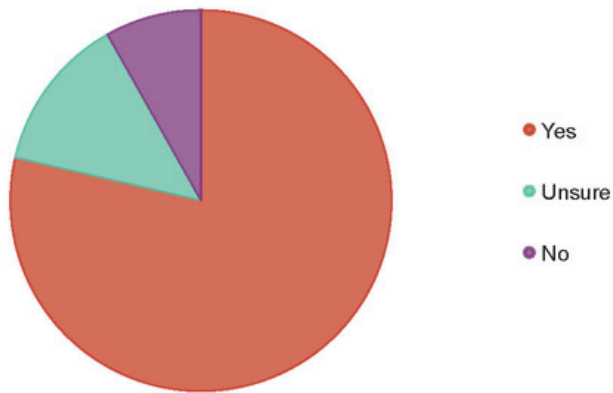
Do you agree that planning and implementing for separated trail activities is necessary for recreational trail use?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	620	87.2%
No	91	12.8%

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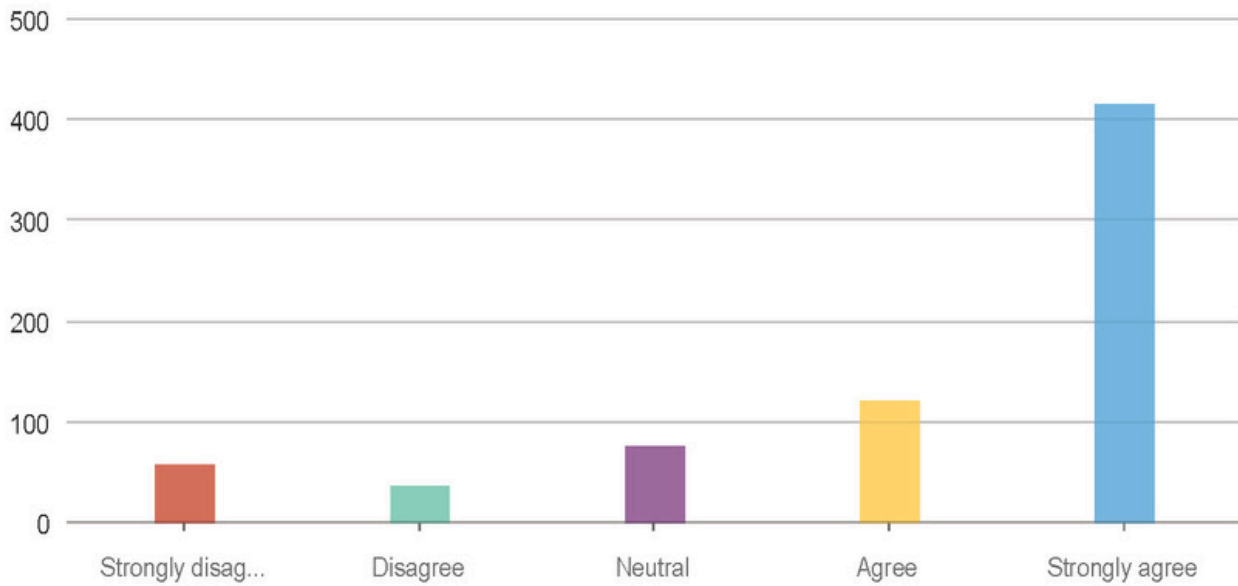
Would dedicated /designated trails help you experience the Hickory Hills Recreation Area more?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	559	78.62%
Unsure	94	13.22%
No	58	8.16%

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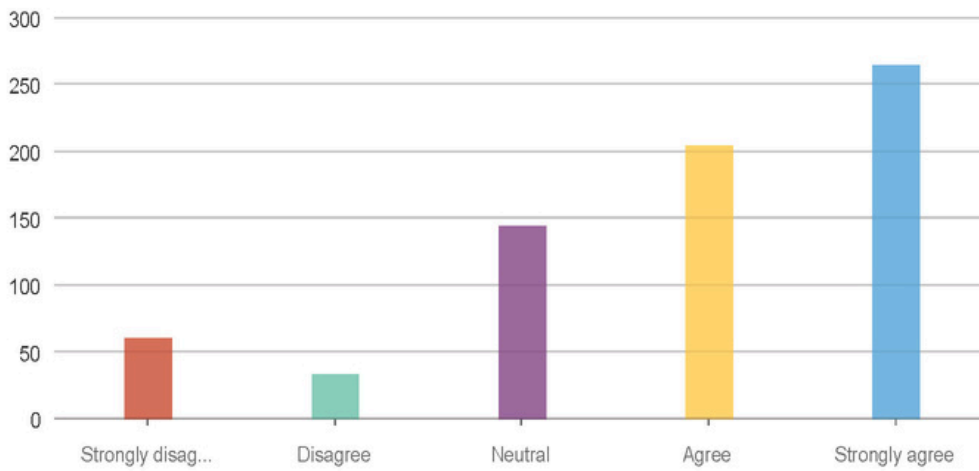
Do you support an expanded trail network to include mountain biking?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	58	8.16%
Disagree	37	5.2%
Neutral	77	10.83%
Agree	122	17.16%
Strongly agree	416	58.51%

Answered: 710 Skipped: 1

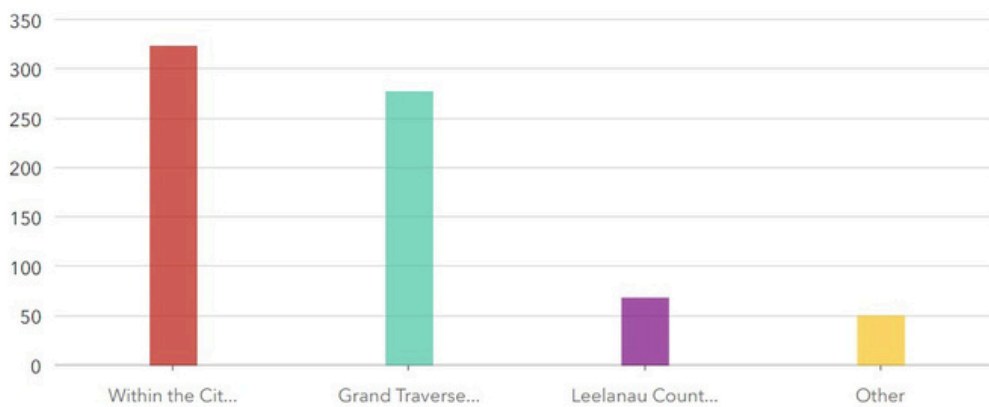
Do you agree with the elements included on the Conceptual Map?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	61	8.58%
Disagree	34	4.78%
Neutral	145	20.39%
Agree	205	28.83%
Strongly agree	265	37.27%

Answered: 710 Skipped: 1

Do you live in the city?



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Other response Empty categories

Answers	Count	Percentage
Within the City of Traverse City	324	45.57%
Grand Traverse County (Outside the City)	278	39.1%
Leelanau County	69	9.7%
Other	51	7.17%

Answered: 709 Skipped: 2

Does the trail plan adequately address conflicts?

Yes

This plan looks great, it looks like the mountain bike trail will be out of the way of the disc golf.

It's hard to tell what is what on that map. It can't be enlarged and the descriptions are too small.

No. Need more information to consider hiking trail overlapping as well as disc golf. Quantity and density of trails may be too much.

Yes

Unsure

Hard to tell

I bike on mtb trails across Michigan and beyond and Leo not experience much conflict between user groups. Most outdoor enthusiasts are generally kind

Yes, separated from hiking and disc golf looks great.

I do believe but it's hard to see by the map without seeing an overlay of the disc golf course, etc.

Users just need to warm up to the idea that this will be a multi use facility.

cant really tell because I can't really see the hiking and golf course but i assume so and love it

Disc golf is the main recreation I engage in at Hickory. They should invest more into dedicated Disc golf area. As long as these trails don't interfere with the current disc golf course.

Yes.

I'm concerned about the amount of tree clearing that may need to happen?

The graphic doesn't depict well the current nordic trails which makes it difficult to delineate between the various uses.

No, hikers will use the MTB trails and cause potentially dangerous issues.

I am not sure, the disc golf holes are not on the map.

Yes

I ride my bike and hike at hickory regularly and people are generally courteous and give each other the space to pass or slow down when crossing paths. More signage and designated trails will only help.

Can't see on the map the designation between hiking trails and biking trails. There needs to be separation from hiking and biking. I do both and nothing is worse than coming up on a hiker and their dog and scarring the sh... out of them even when you are trying to be careful. Biking generates so much more speed and startles hikers. Also, dogs need to be leashed. I have two and love to hike with them and they are leashed at all times.

Yes

Those types of activities co-exist in many other places.

Yes

Yes

The plan will help only if the rules and uses are abided by users.

I am trying to see the other activity areas in the key. I don't see how the uses line up. Hiking trails close to the city, without fear of bike accidents has priority for me. The bikers (and I am one) have become obnoxious and I have had too many close calls. I think skiing, snowshoeing and hiking should be the priorities here. There are many biking trails in our area.

Difficult to tell on the map where disc golf occurs, which is the most likely source of trail conflict at this time.

I walk in the meadows and ski hills in the summer. I will use the ski hills for hiking in the winter during off hours as to not disturb the skiers.

Adding a mountain biking trail of this magnitude will limit hiking the existing trails for area residents. It is my belief, as we have seen in the past, "if you build it, they will come". That being said, we will have a significant amount of traffic in our already overrun Slabtown neighborhood.

My father was one of many people who helped built, supported and believed Hickory could be a thriving facility for outdoor activities for the Grand Traverse County residents. As a business owner he relied on tourism to sustain and thrive for over 50 years. However, as a steward for our community and it's youth, he believed accesibility for local citizens should be a priority.

Adding additional trails will again be another effort to draw more people from outside our own community, again leaving us in the dust.

Yes

Yes. I'm pretty sure everyone can work together in this plan to have fun.

Yes, it appears to do a good job considering the limited space.

I believe it does but a site visit would be more helpful for me personally. I would be interested in seeing the hiking maps overlaid here as well.

I think so - it looks like there's a way to keep everyone happy

The map doesn't show the hiking trails nor the disc golf course and how those uses overlap/intersect with the potential mountain biking trails. It looks like mountain bikes will dominate the entire park based on this map.

Yes. Would be nice to have a connector between the two trailheads so if riders wanted to continue looping instead of crossing the sidewalk/parking lot.

It is not clear (to me) on this conceptual map where the hiking only trails are — and how they relate to the MTB trails. This to me is the critical piece. Obviously, dangerous conflicts-interactions between hikers and bikers is the area most prone to accidents.

It appears to.

Separate trails are more important in the winter- you can't Nordic ski if people trample over the snow with bikes and snowshoe's- I enjoy all those activities but Nordic needs a ski only lane.

Love that there's three levels at for different skills.

I don't see foot/bike trails specified on this map.

It is hard to tell from the drawing. Anywhere the bike trail intersects other trails or users must have a physical barrier. Stop or yield signs will not work as many users ignore them.

Also not shown or indicated here is how the use of each trail will be enforced. How do you plan to keep bikes off walking trails or walkers off bike trails?

Finally, the walking experience is largely affected by not only the trails but what is within eyesight. Most users like what they see while walking....so if the walking trail is within direct eyesight of bikes, the walking experience is lessened. Perhaps berms and evergreens can be added to further isolate the visual experience.

Which trails would be useful for XC skiing? Groomed, or skied-in?

No clue

Hard to tell because I don't see the disc golf course on the map.

Hard to answer with the level of detail and information available. Trails appear to have minimal crossings with other facilities.

I can't get a very clear idea of whether or not any of these MTB trails would intersect with current hiking trails? Are they all new trails for the mountain biking? I'd assume there almost has to be some crossover of course, but just curious how much.

Yes

Yes

Unclear if/where there is overlap between proposed trails and disc golf.

It's hard to know because the map is tiny, but conflicts seem to be reasonably managed.

Yes, I believe it does.

No

I need to have a better understanding of all the uses and potential conflicts prior to making determinations with this survey.

Yes

It looks like it stays away from the disk golf course. I currently do not ride there so I am not in the way of disk golfers.

I don't see separate hiking trails on the map. I think those will definitely be needed if these are strictly mountain biking trails. I've tried to walk on mountain bike trails in other areas and it feels dangerous when bikers approach quickly.

Yes.

It is not clear where disc golfing or hiking activities would take place on the conceptual map.

It's difficult to tell where the hiking trails and disk golf course is from the map.

Need to be mtb trails Marquette style not Vasa style.

Bike specific trails current flow design needed

Yes

yes

Not sure by looking at the map

Mountain biking is the future! Let's incentivize it!

Can't we all be friends and enjoy our amazing resources together? Don't be a hater.

Yes

Yes

Yes

It's hard to identify the disc golf areas for me and I don't know if this is single track or wider paths like many of the current trails.

Currently, I bike through Hickory 3 to 5 times a week. I enter Hickory from Wayne Hill and do the loop around the field then back to Wayne Hill. I often surprise people on the trail even when I start ringing my bell from 50+ feet away. The two track trails ensure I can easily get around them regardless of whether they are paying attention. I really enjoy riding single track but, if we all need to share the trail wider tends to be better.

I can't tell from the map, it's confusing.

Yes

YES

Seems to!

It makes sense to me

If we want our community to have a healthy lifestyle that brings an overall good health marker for our home. Than this best happen.

Looks like a good start

As long as bikers stayed on designated trails, I see no conflicts. Not totally sure based on the map where the DG COURSE is.

I wasn't aware of conflicts.

I'm a limited user of the trail system at hickory.

Yes I believe it does.

It seems to.

It looks like it does.

The trail looks awesome

Yes

Hard to say from the map, if there are downhill specific trails I think those should be closed to hikers

Yes

Seems to

Yes

yes

Hopefully

appears to work

Yes

It seems to be laid out really well, but I am not there frequently enough to see the full effects (pros/cons) of the current layout.

Yes

Yes

Unknown.

yes it does.

Yes, it appears to

Not at all being that the map displayed only shows conceptual mountain bike trails with no other uses identified. It would be good to incorporate different uses on the map to better understand where conflicts may arise.

Yes.

Seems to.

Think so?

Yes, looks like it does a great job, but am certainly not an expert

Yes

Yes

I don't know enough about the potential conflicts to comment.

Can't tell, but it looks like it takes up most of the park and includes routes where people also hike and ski.

yes

Hard to see and read the map

Yes

i guess

I believe it does. It will be important to keep mountain bikers and disc golf separate so both groups can enjoy.

I think so

Yes

Yes

It appears it adequately addresses user conflicts!

I think it does. The mountain biking I have done has not conflicted with other groups so far.

Yes

Mountain bikers don't stay on marked trails in the commons

unsure

Yes, the trail looks like a good fit.

Yes, it allows trail users to access the areas without conflict with disc golf/others.

It's seems too

Looks good

The trail Plan should include a conceptual plan for connection to Hickory Meadows, where rec recreational cycling would be allowed, and Hickory Forest, where it will be restricted. There needs to be clear plans where encroachment into Hickory Forest will be discouraged

Yes as far as I can tell with the info/map provided. Dedicated and separate trails for different user groups is key.

Cannot answer this, as map does not show any (dedicated or open) hiking trails, nor disc golf. This is not a complete map and conflict points (or lack thereof) are not visible.

Yes

It appears to.

I think so? I can't really tell where the disc golf course is on the map.

yES

It looks well integrated. The hikers and dog walkers at Hickory Meadows should be happy with the Mt. Bikers on the other side of the parking lot.

Maybe. I can't tell how from the map.

While I disagree that separated trails are a requirement, they certainly help mitigate conflict. I do think this trail plan addresses that.

yes

Yes

Can't make a determination using the available information.

With children it would be helpful to have mountain biking in a designated trail. Mountain biking limits the ability to stop abruptly when approaching families. Similarly, getting our kids out of the way is difficult.

Yes

This plan was created pretty much out of sight of the public who own the park...apparently for the benefit of only one group. It really, really stinks.

The map depicted does not show a difference between hiking and mountain bike trails

Currently there are many bikers using the hiking trails and disc golf course to ride.

The bike trail should not intersect with the established disc golf course. It will cause a headache for both activities and be a safety hazard.

Appears so! The more dedicated mountain bike trails we can get in the area, the better! Allowing users to do their thing (biking, hiking, disc golf, etc.) without interfering with other users doing different activities is ALWAYS a great plan!

Looks to me like the bike trail would conflict with disc golf fairways.

Uncertain on how this might impact disc golf. This course is one of the best in the region/state and I'd value the effort to minimize conflicts between the two activities

Its a safty issue that walkers walk down the disc golf holes

Anything that takes the danger away of trail users being struck by a golf disc I am all in favor of. As of now, trail runners and bikers could care less for the people using the disc golf course and are regularly in the way and a danger to themselves.

I think the routes that are highlighted help keep the bikers and disc golfers separated for the most part.

Looks like it

Yes between mountain bikers, hikers, and disc golfers

Sure

Hickory is not a big enough piece of property to separately locate MTB trails most likely without taking a lot of trees down, which I'm opposed to. It also appears that you are proposing to locate MTB trails on what have historically been hiking trails through the Kroupa property, although I'm not sure that's the case. If that is the case I would oppose that idea. The grades on much of those trails are far too steep to make proper trails. As well as if you're serious about having a separate trail system then you're going to displace long time hikers/walkers from those trails. We don't need another MTB trails system at Hickory. There are plenty of opportunities for MTB at the Vasa system. It will also generate no revenue to support its upkeep and presumably the cost of that upkeep will fall primarily, again, on City taxpayers to support yet another regional recreational resource.

It will create conflicts between cyclists and disc golfers.

Hickory hills disc golf courses are top in the country bringing tons of people to the spa town area. I think there can be bike trails and disc golf but please re think where the bike trails are regarding conflict of dual use areas. Keep the biking far enough away so no one gets hurt.

Yes

Just as long as everyone is safe

Yes, I do see some conflict with disc golf but think mountain biking/dedicated hiking would be a great use of the area

As lol ng as they stay away from the DG course

It appears during the summer Hickory Hills is being utilized most for the disc golf course. Putting in these mountain bike trails in the shown locations could propose a safety hazard that currently doesn't exist.

Yes I believe so

I don't know where the other amenities are. I like this trail map. I assume it is specifically for mountain biking.

Yes

I do not believe so. It would be very helpful to see the disc golf course map included with the proposed trails map. Any interference and overlap with the course causes delays and possibility of injury (hit by a disc).

It seems like it but hard to really know until it's a reality.

Yes

Yes

I can see conflicts if there are too many crossings on the disc golf course or trails that run with the disc golf fairways. I'm sure routes can be made to both activities can coexist without one being in the way of the other... it's a LARGE property; get creative.

I'm not sure. I don't see where disc golf, for example, is located on the conceptual map, so it's hard to tell. I'm very much in support of expanding all aspects of that area: hiking, biking, skiing, etc. I love hiking up around there and would love to explore new trails, and I'm happy to share them with mountain bikers. I like seeing mountain bikers while hiking. As long as we all respect each other and share the trails, I don't see a need for separate trails. Mountain bikers may feel differently, who knows.

The trails would interfere with the existing disc golf course.

Yes

Yes

A couple places where disc golfers occasionally have to wait for bikers or hikers. Overall not bad at all.

I think it does a good job. Eliminating all conflicts is probably not feasible given the size and scope but I believe this design would eliminate the vast majority.

Yes, I think it is very important to keep disc golf and biking separate. As a daily player at hickory I already find it scary to see bikers on the disc golf course. Frisbees are not forgiving!

Hikers seem to get short shrift

Mountain bike trails go through disc golf course. But shared space is ok.

It appears to me that it does. Having a designated direction to bike is vital to a harmonious park use.

Y

Anything that would help keep bikers off of the disc golf fairway would improve safety.

yes

Really not sure if it does or not. I'm not super familiar with what conflicts there are, and also can't really see the map very well in terms of the context

Na

It seems yes

It's hard to say if it mitigates conflict - where are the DG holes? Are these bike only? Will there be other trail options?

I've never had trail conflicts in this part of the property so it's hard for me to say. Biking past dog owners in the meadows and having dog feces flung up by bike tires are the only issues I've encounter there before.

As long as it doesn't conflict with the disc golf courses

Mountain bikers are often inconsiderate of disc golf activities

Even though thousands of people come annual from all over the world to play the disc golf courses

Difficult to tell since the map does not highlight existing trails or disc golf course.

I enjoy both mountain biking and disc golfing, but the priority for me at Hickory would be disc golf. I would be concerned with the overlapping trails in areas on the disc golf course. But as an annoyance to disc golfers and as a safety concern.

From the map, I can't tell if the proposed biking trails would interfere with hiking and/or disc golf trails. It seems like they might.

Ruins disc golf courses

I don't have enough information to answer this.

It appears to create new trails that diverge from current trails and that's a good thing. Nice work.

Don't know!

Yes.

Although mountain bike trails are indeed in demand, the proposed trails may not be safe for riding near a disc golf course. It's my understanding that Hickory Hills Disc Golf Course is renowned and getting lots of attention, poised as a potential major event venue.

While a mountain bike trail would be a likely asset, perhaps a safety assured trail layout could be discussed with the concerned parties and amend the current version of the master plan.

Yes

You have already scaled back on the proposed second course for the disc golf community, the course is crowded and I already contend with bikers not caring that I am there playing my sport in its designated area. Traverse City is full of great mountain biking all around please don't come and take away even more space that you promised this disc golf community.

Y

I would like to see an overlay of the existing disc golf course with the mountain bike proposed trails. Looks like the will intersect. This could be dangerous for both users.

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Yes

Na

Yes

As long as the bike trails don't run in the opposite direction as the disc golf course I don't see a problem with it

Yes

I do think it is important to simply segregate some different trail uses in high use areas like Hickory Hills.

It appears to. It would be good if it was possible to enlarge the map to better see details.

Yes

I would recommend removing bike trails from disc golf area if at all possible due to the volume of how loud some of the cycling groups can be.

While playing in the Cherry Capital Open, our card was disturbed on multiple occasions by cyclists with loud bikes & conversing with each other.

It's tough to see where the disc golf holes are on the map, if bikers get their own separate trail, that's great! What I'm worried about is bikers using the same paths as disc golfers or even crossing into fairways and someone getting hurt from a flying disc.

Improved signage, designated trails for bikes, directional trails when possible. Trail designers like rock solid and spectrum are excellent. Allow for features like berms, table tops, and drops that can be easily bypassed.

Yes

Trails should not overlap disc course, have seen injuries from such in Boyne falls at Avalanche course

Yes

It appears to; separated trails could maximize safety

Y

I have hiked Hickory several times, but not enough to have an opinion on this.

Many of these trails are directly conflicting with the existing disc golf course, others conflict with hiking trails. While I've seen parks where these activities exist side by side and it works well, it's never been at high traffic parks like Hickory. We have a lot mountain bikers, a lot of hikers, and a lot of disc golfers in this town, and high traffic shared area only means that some one is going to get hit with a disc or get ran over because they couldn't jump out of the way of bike fast enough (like on the trails behind the Commons).

Mountains bikes crossing paths with frisbee golfers could seriously injure either the mountain bike or golfer.

N/a

Yes! It gives disc golfer/ trail riders expected areas to watch out for one another.

yes!

Leave space for disc golfing

Can not give feedback without the other activities included on the map. Agree there needs to be Mt bike trails, but all activities need to be safe, compatible and enjoyable.

Looks like there's no distinction of activity on this map

It seems to address conflicts, yes.

No conflicts

I'm not sure

Yes

Yes

It appears to be well drafted to minimize conflicts.

Yes

It's hard to tell from the map but trying to reduce the number of times that trails cross the disc golf area would be a good thing.

Yes

yes

Yes

I am not that familiar with the area, but looks good to me.

Yes

I think so!

No based on my experience hiking over the past 12+ years

From what I can see yes

Seems fine to me

Need public safety measures. Lighting. Cameras. Volunteers or staff enforcement or security

I favor mt biking & hiking, but the trails should be separated for safety. MTB go too fast to interact with hikers, endangering both groups.

I like the system of separate trails Wisconsin uses at one of its best park, South Kettle Moraine

The trail plan only shows the Mt. bike trails. You need to show the disc golf course, the downhill ski trails and the Nordic ski trails to identify potential conflicts of use.

This looks very open and accessible.

Yes

Unsure as not enough detail

Seemingly, yes.

The bike trails appear to interact with the new disc golf layouts in many places. However, the existing disc golf layouts are not shown along with the proposed trail maps, so it's difficult to say for sure. Not enough detail is shown on the map to alleviate safety-related concerns I would have for riders. It is also not clear that the proposed trails would not detract from the enjoyment of existing amenities.

Yes

Yes

Depends on the signage. Often, the signage is very confusing as well as the maps.

It seems to .

No, the trails cross the disc golf course everywhere and would render it unplayable or bikers would be in continuous danger.

I do think hikers and bikers can share trails, but perhaps not on steep downhills and turns.

The map above doesn't really show any trails but the MTB ones, is the proposal to designate hiking and disc golf elsewhere?

When I have hiked or biked in the disc golf area, I do think about getting hit by a disc, but hope they could be integrated with planning.

I had a one time conflict while biking with a close with a disc golping group. I got in their way.

Yes

It would appear so.

Yes

Bikers are at risk of being hit by flying discs in several holes

There are more hikers than mountain bikers, so hikers should have a larger portion available to them, without any bikers.

I think it could be expanded to use a Tbar lift system that could be utilized in summer for lift assisted biking and winter for skiing.

Personally I think hikers and bikers can coexist. Not sure if there are conflicts with the disc golf.

There are always trail conflicts. Can only do your best to mitigate besides that people have to coexist

I believe it does.

Unsure

No

Unsure

Hard for us to tell from thus one picture

Yes

I answered "no" to the question, "(are) separated trail activities is necessary for recreational trail use" because I feel that generally, it would be good if the activities are separate. However, sometimes multi-use trails are necessary and are perfectly safe if signed properly. I don't feel that any of the user groups need to be in conflict as long as users are respectful and areas of interaction are appropriately signed.

Yes, with proper signage clearly posted.

Yes, directional or bike specific trails help with possible conflicts between recreational hickory users.

Difficult to tell if there will be conflicts. A map with proposed trails and the disc golf course, for example, could help.

I don't know. 1. How do you police what trails are for biking vs. what trails are for hiking? 2. why not have designated times of day that certain trails are biking or hiking only? 3. Are there designated "traffic patterns" i.e. clockwise M,W,F, Sun counterclockwise T,T, Sat?

The issue I see is that a biker or hiker accidentally winds up on the wrong trail at the wrong time creating a hazard for one or the other.

As a hiker, usually with dogs, it is very stressful having bikers going by at high speed. As a biker, it very fun to go fast with the knowledge that you have the trail to yourself with only other bikers and that you will not come head on with another biker going the direction in the middle of a blind corner or have to worry about hikers.

Are snowshoe trails considered? If so, they may be in conflict with Nordic Skiing.

I can't say. I don't see disc golf and the hiking trails identified on the map to determine if there is separation of these items along with the proposed mountain bike trails.

Need more details

Yes

The map appears to only show mountain biking trails. Do these allow for nordic skiing and hiking?

The map can't be enlarged for viewing--hard to tell about conflicts. Could you offer a version that can be expanded?

The trail plan does not include other existing maps to know if it does or does not conflict with other recreational activities. For its location, the proposed biking trail does address the conflict of multi-use trails at Hickory Meadows and Hickory Hills.

yes

Yes

It doesn't appear to have a hiking trail at all.

No. From what I've seen elsewhere, when you allow bikes in certain areas, they continue to expand and expand. Mountain bikers want continual novel trails to try, so you can draw lines on a map, but they will go anywhere and soon start making their own trails.

I think we have to start using the trails to see these potential conflicts arise... then make changes accordingly.

As long as the disc golf course is nearly untouched. This course is one of the few PDGA approved courses in Northern MI and serves not only Grand Traverse Co., but the greater Northern Michigan Disc golf fan base.

The trail plan looks perfect. Keeps all the sports trails moderately separate. Trails for all experience levels.

Yes

Other places to hike

Yes

Could be some conflicts with the disc golf course but the trail could move around it

I love the plan. Make it happen!

No

I believe it does.

I don't understand this question

I think so

I feel it's important that the trails do not create erosion.

That it doesn't interfere with disc golf and hiking

Yes.. the separate mountain bike trail at Palmer Woods seems to work well

I like the planned trail. It seems to leave room for running/hiking in addition to the mt biking trails. Admittedly I don't disc golf, so it's difficult for me to evaluate the impact.

No

Just depends on how they all flow together respectfully for each user

The conceptual map seems to reflect appropriate interfacing with other activities at the recreation area.

Not that I can see

Hard to tell without more map detail.

Possibly

Since disc golf and hiking trails are not listed on the map shown I can't speak to whether it would conflict with bike trails or not. If the beginner trail runs along the creek from the lodge towards the back of hickory on the existing trail, it would be very disappointing to lose that trail to hiking. Send the bikers along the old road instead.

It isn't mentioned on the plan, but having the biking loops by single direction traffic makes for more reliably useable trails.

I can't really picture the new frisbee golf course but the south portion might be a bit crowded with different user groups. Frisbees hurt so trails need to be behind tee boxes!

Yes, if the walking trails nearby aren't run over by excessive bike use.

I hope I would be able to hike or trail run on all the trails.

don't screw with the nordic trails

Probably. I can't tell for sure since it's the first time I really looked at a map of Hickory Hills and I can't zoom in on it.

Unknown. Map is too vague

no, because you don't have separate uses (hiking trails, disc golf course and routes between "holes") on the map. ??

I think so, but as a hiker (and not a mountain biker) I would love to see new hiking trails as well. Most of Hickory Meadows is pretty flat so it would be nice to get a hill or two in.

Yes

Not sure.

As far as I know.

No problem

No problem

I do

No

I think so.

Yes

Most trail systems in the country are mixed use and it's just fine. Trying to regulate separate use is not efficient or necessary

Yea

I don't really feel like conflict/dedicated use is such a big deal. Maybe I am wrong, but volume would have to be quite high for it to be an issue.

Based on my experience with the NTN trails in Marquette and the DTE Trails in Chelsea, dual use can be just fine.

I believe that it would

Yes

Yes

Yes, the intermediate trail around the perimeter is perfect and the advanced trails farther away from the lot will avoid most hikers.

N/A

It's hard to tell, but as long as the mountain biking and hiking trails are separate, I have no problem with the bikers...but I walk my two dogs and being on a trail with mountain bikes is dangerous for all involved...

Possibly....explained below. Hard to tell since hiking trails aren't shown.

seems like this is all biking trail and for that it looks great.

I do not feel that there is enough information for me to answer this. I don't see anything in the map key indicating what is biking, what is hiking, etc.

yes

Seems fine

yes.

not sure it's hard to tell from looking at the map

I would prefer the trails be for hiking, not mountain biking.

yes

Yes

Yes. There will always be a level of trail etiquette we all must show each other. But the design creates dedicated mountain biking trails, which will eliminate most of the risk of conflict. This is an outstanding move!

erosion is the main concern as trails are used over time people tend to make other trails off main trails and then more erosion causes many problems in the future

No. The map does not indicate if the "proposed" trails are the extent of the trail system. Are there current trails that will be maintained? If separation of uses is to occur, how might the trails be divided up? It would help to have a more comprehensive map.

This map does not separate hiking and biking trails as far as I can see.

It is hard to tell where the hiking will be around the mtb trail and the disc golf. This hasn't been a problem currently to hike as people are disc golfing but might be tighter with the designated mtb trail.

It's hard to tell what conflict would arise from the proposed map without knowing the current 'designated' hiking trails and disc golf course.

Yes, just need to make sure each trail is well marked. Both level of difficulty and location of trail.

It seems to but it is hard to see where the golf lines of fire are in this map.

Yes

Bikers rarely offer right of way to hikers and this entire map includes hiking paths.

The map only seems to show MTB trails so it is difficult to determine if it effectively addresses user conflicts.

Not sure

With the acquisition of the new northwestern section, I feel there are many opportunities for a vastly expanded trail network there, to make Hickory Hill MORE of a year around attraction and for a healthier Traverse City....build it and they will come!

I do not see dedicated space for disc golf on the map.

This looks like a good way to provide access to all levels of users to enjoy the trails with little impact on each other.

It is difficult to say as the conceptual map only includes the proposed bike trails (I am assuming the colored trails are bike trails as they are not really graded for hiking) around the ski area. I would like to see the overlay with the disc golf course and hiking trails. How will this affect the Hickory Meadows hiking area? There is already multi use on those trails.

Yes

It looks like it does a good job yes.

Unknown

I think so

yes

Not sure

It's hard to see the details on the map above, so I have no opinion based on it.

Dogs and bikes should be banned from the park. That is the only acceptable way to resolve this.

no qualified to speak on this but it looks like a reasonable attempt at mitigating conflict of use

I wouldn't know since I don't use the other areas. We've recently discovered Palmer woods reserve and have been taking the kids for their mountain biking course and it's lovely.

N/a

No, the biking trails conflict with many of the disc golf holes and do not leave much room for general hiking.

The conflicts that I see are primarily between mountain bikers and disc golfers. I think the disc golf course needs to be more confined on the property allowing for mountain biking and hiking - keeping activities separate.

It's hard to tell!

Yes

No. Mountain biking, being a fast activity, will always conflict with hiking and disk golf.

Map does not show both hiking and mb trails to see conflicts or concerns

I'm concerned the paths essentially criss cross the entire property and most certainly intersect with people on foot hiking or playing frisbee golf. Would need to be assured that this is not the case by a very clear and detailed map.

Yes

Yes

Yes

I'm not sure if they overlap with disc golf

As much as it can. I think it will be unavoidable at times but with proper signage everyone can be aware at those intersection areas and stay safe.

Yes, but I only use the trail for skiing

Any trail plan is going to conflict with disc golfing. It will only be a matter of time before bikers get hit with discs.

No. I believe the plan grossly over emphasizes mountain biking. Mountain biking favors aggressive athleticism and many of the bikers behave accordingly. They are in their own world while riding and humans on foot are just another obstacle, not a sentient being. The fact that many are wearing dark goggles and earbuds just further isolates them from their environment and from the pedestrian's point of view they may as well be robots.

So who is going to enforce mountain bikers to stay on their designated trails? If any of the other mixed trail usage is any guide, there is simply no enforcement. Many times I've had to jump out of the way of a cyclist on the TART trail, who seemed to think that they had right-of-way on the asphalt surface.

And where will the hikers go that prefer hiking hills. Will we have our own foot-only paths? Or will be simply evicted from the woods where we have been hiking for years?

Neutral

I cannot tell from the map provided. I also have concerns about the erosion that mountain bikers cause.

No, see other comments. I think you will have a mess of a time trying to manage segregated trail systems, which is why you don't see this kind of system in your major recreational hubs throughout the western states. It's way easier to ask people to be respectful of the rules like directional, right of way, and mixed use or single use on certain days rather than try and keep people off certain trails based on their chosen activity.

Yes

Hard to tell - an overlay of the proposed biking with the actual disc golf might help. But seems like for the most part it stays in the woods away from the disc course with the occasional crossings

This looks like a wonderful start, just make sure it connects to regional trails.

Yes

Yes

No

yes

Yes

yes. separating the advanced bike trail from areas where walkers tend to go helps avoid potential conflicts. Allowing hikers access to beginner/intermediate areas where bike speeds are less opens up more areas for all to use.

Make sure any bikers have mandated slower speeds at junctions/share trails.

It appears so

I think that it certainly does.

After growing up at Hickory Hills - I am thrilled to see the progress in creating dedicated mountain biking space within city limits.

It appears that each use has adequate space and without overlap.

yes - although more miles as well as connections to Hickory Meadows would be excellent

Yes

No, it breaks up habitat, ruins native species animal and plants, unpleasant to hear, losing the quiet escape of the natural areas.

Yes

yes

It's difficult to tell where the hiking and disc golf areas are located. There's already a conflict with the disc golf and hiking trails. What about conflicts with the plants and animals? Has an inventory been completed of plants that grow among Hickory Hills?

Disc golf

I think so. It would be strange to not allow a slow/ casual biker to use all trails but there should definitely be somewhere a biker can go hard and also be confident of safety/accident avoidance. I'd be disappointed if someone safely exploring on a bike would get yelled at and I feel the same for hikers.

There is overlap with existing use but I believe the trail is wide enough for all use

Yes. I would like to see the mountain bike trails groomed in the winter time for fat bike usage

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I can't tell where the does golf is on the map

Can't tell from the photo.

Yes

Yes

It seems to - I'm not familiar with the disc golf course.

Mountain Bikes will add significantly to the amount of traffic the trails receive.

Yes

Hard to tell how the proposed trails interact with disc golf and the hiking that is currently done out there.

Mountain bikes need to stay off nordic ski paths during the ski season.

Yes

It appears so

I dont know enough to comment.

Yes

I think it does. It seems to expand widely giving enough space for everyone.

Seems so.

I'm not sure how to answer this question, however I would hope that the trails remain SKI and HIKING trails, and NOT MOUNTAIN or BIKING trails. There are VERY FEW areas in our region that is strictly for hiking and not-competitive sports; and I would hate for this beautiful land to become trashed with mountain bike trails that damage the infrastructure of the pathways and the terrain overall. There are other trails for bikers to enjoy their sport, which for hikers/walkers like myself, put myself at risk for getting run into or run over by high speed bikers going by without warning.

None

I think so

Hard to know/tell, without designated hiking trails and disc golf course featured on the map..?

Since the conceptual map does not show the hiking or disc golf trails, it is difficult to assess where the mountain bike trails might intersect or conflict with trails already in use.

Yes

Yes.

No. There are far more walkers and hikers than there are mountain bikers and disc golfers, but the bulk of the terrain are is devoted to biking and disc golf. This seems absurd, given the age and mix of the population. Will our elderly be able to enjoy hiking through the park with bikers blasting through? How about parents with young children? The choice to serve select special interests and ignore the population mix, interests and capabilities of the community is disappointing and a poor choice for the future.

Yes

On the surface it addresses physical conflicts, but I do think trail etiquette and just human grace should come into play as well as safety concerns.

Too difficult to tell. It's apparent that the trails don't overlap, so I'd say that's a good thing but really, whoever drew this up made it very difficult to orient yourself on it.

I think it would be more relaxing and safer to have hiking trail separate from biking.

not really - it looks like you can do everything everywhere

there are plenty of mountain bike trails in this community. Save the trees. Leave woodland for hiking

Yes

Yes

Appears to do so, appropriate signage will also help enforce it.

Yes

Yes

Possibly

Can't tell from the map supplied.

I didn't see a distinction between walking/hiking and biking.

Yes

Unsure... don't know much about the conflicts.

Should be left alone for hiking only.

Yes

Mountain biking need to be away from hiking and dog walking

wish I could click thru and see an expanded map to get the overall area w/in HH that the proposed trail network would be. Had to MacGyver it to see exactly what is proposed. Thanks.

No. Traffic on Randolph MUST be addressed asap before any further expansion.

Yes

I feel that adding biking into this would be a big mistake.

Yes

Not sure

Not sure. The map is hard for me to read.

I can't tell from the map.

I think so

I see these proposed trails crisscrossing the disc golf course in many locations. What could the planners be thinking having designed it this way?

Yes

I believe this does. Most of the hiking/walking seems to occur in the lower meadows area

seems to

Seems fine to me

I'm not sure

I can't tell.

The parking lot already fills up on weekends. Stop pushing this property to maximize value or whatever the hell you're trying to do to get more out of it. It's a gem, quiet and clean for a relatively busy place because the people who use it regularly steward that well. Don't ruin that by inviting masses that don't care about the property.

Having some benches throughout would be most helpful for people to take a break and enjoy nature especially on the beginner routes when people are starting to get out even with handicap in conditions and other challenges.

Cannot answer this as hiking trails and disc golf course are not shown. It appears the whole property will now be dedicated to mountain biking based on the map.

I do not have a need to use it

As a start...ADA key

Yes

Yes

Sure

Yes

N/A

should be no hiking/biking overlap. and no bikes in hickory meadows

Yes

It appears to.

Looks great! Nice job, this is hard to do.

Not sure because I can't tell from the map which trails are which.

Unknown

I see issues with parking and lack of bikers staying in the prescribed trails it's inevitable that you are going to have conflicts not sure why the Vasa and other two tracks are not sufficient for MB. Unless the plan is to expand widen the proposed trail to allow for bikes and people side by side.

I can't tell if there are also hiking trails.

I'm not sure I understand where disc golfing will occur.

Yes

I believe so.

probably

It is hard to tell how often the MTB trails will be crossing the hiking trails and the disc golf course. It would be nice to keep those crossings to a minimum.

Yes

?

Map not clear as to what lines are addressing which activities.

Not sure.

can't tell map is inadequate. Map only shows beginner intermediate and advanced but what beg. int. adv.

I only see levels of trails and not types of trails so the conflicts still exist in my mind.

Not clear what use these trails are for. Where are existing trails?

Unsure

It is fine. We are primarily hiking, snow shoe and x-country ski

Hard to evaluate from this map

I can't tell

Yes

There is some concern about conflicts. There is separation beginner, intermediate, and advanced, but where do you separate hikers from bikers?

It is really tough to see where the different activities will intersect. I do not see disc golf on this map, nor can I tell which trails are for hiking. A better diagram including all activities would be helpful. Also, it really seems like a lot of bike trails...how many trees will we take down to accommodate the new trails?

New hear, have not heard of any conflicts.

Yes

I can't tell. I look forward to biking and hiking more there.

Not sure. Is this a biking map?

It's a good beginning and could be tweaked if issues arise.

Yes...for me, mountain biking is a summer sport

Where is the disc golf on the map? There would have to be lots of signage to separate activities. Concept of separation of activities is great but I don't think it is practical and that everyone would follow the rules.

As of now I do not have any conflicts. If a trail just for bicycles were available I think there would be more enjoyment for everyone.

Hard to say right now but the plan looks promising.

I think it does. I would continue to ask the city to make it clear dogs need to be leashed. My only concern is unleashed dogs.

Hopefully!

Yes

Yes

Where are the hiking trails on this map?

Seems to

Yes it does. We'll laid out.

I haven't felt much conflict. Though it does feel like hiking in the midst of disc golfers makes it harder for them to play.

Looks like a lot of thought and consideration has been put in the planning!!

Don't know

no comment

Yes, I hike at Hickory now primarily using the disc golf course. Well marked hiking trails is a priority for my wife and I.

I have no opinion on that

yes

Yes, I believe it does

Yes

Not sure right now. I'd like to see a video simulation flow through.

yes

I hike daily with my two labs. Everyone's been super. We enjoy the relationships we've made over the years at Hickory.

Bikes and hikers don't always mix well

No opinion

It is hard for me to see if there are significant conflicts or not from the map above. I worry that existing uses especially disc golf would be disrupted unless the mountain biking trails are new and almost completely separate from the existing disc golf courses and most of the existing hiking trails

None I see.

Yes, it looks like it does.

I hope so.

Mountain biking really destroys the land. Disc golf if trees remain and erosion control. You need erosion control on these trails! Keep the trees!

Back area should include hiking exclusively. Please do not add mountain biking trails.

Yes

no conflicts

Given that people are people we will always have conflicts, many of which are avoidable by responsible adults and respectful youth.

With enough trail system distance, variety of topography, and access points, there should be plenty of room for walkers and bikers to navigate the trail systems at the same time.

Is there adequate parking for biking and skiing events?

Sure, would I be allowed to run these mountain biking trails too?

Would mountain biking cause erosion in the sandy soils?

appears to

Would like to retain the ability to walk my dog on the trails

Not sure

Yes

Yes

Don't know

Does this leave enough room for disc golf?

Yes

Yes.

I run on the Hickory Hills trails 4 mornings a week (when snow is absent) & want to make sure running is allowed as well as mountain biking on the trails. I like & support both running & skiing, but on a regular basis use Hickory for running.

yes

Hard to translate to my knowledge of Hickory on my feet.

Yes

Having a bit of difficulty really grasping what's being presented on the Conceptual Map, so I'm unsure.

I am not knowledgeable enough of the disc golf course location to have an opinion about that

yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Probably not, there is only limited space.

Please leave as is

Not sure

Not sure

Hard to tell from just the image

Yes

If this is the entire property it appears there is way too much dedicated to mountain biking. It appears disproportionate to the rest of the uses. I would also wonder if the number of people using it warrants that much dedicated area.

yes

Yes

Proper signage would be essential.

Need to address dog walkers and their interference with all activities.

Various recreational activities such as hiking and disc golf aren't clearly marked on the map. I'm not a frequent enough user to intuitively know where they are in relation to these proposed trails. In addition, it is not clearly stated what these proposed trails are for. I assume mountain biking based on the questions above. The survey, especially the conceptual map, is flawed.

I'm not sure since I am not there enough to interact with bikers.

Unsure if there are dedicated hiking trails.

It looks like the mountain bike trails leave nowhere for specific hiking trails to be. I have walked back up beyond the ski trails in the summer and love it and don't want to be run over by a fast moving bike.

I do support the disc golf course.

It is hard to tell from looking at the map.

Looks good. Conflicts shouldn't be as big of a deal as they seem to be ... with a nice trail network, people should be able to work it out. However, there is definitely a need to separate nordic from mtn biking/hiking.

no, attempting to expand will cause extra expense, when already the area is limited in resources and equipment

I don't know enough about conflicts to answer

No comment.

Nothing will.

A little hard to tell. I love the Nordic trails so I think having at least one dedicated MB trail would be awesome

Yes- especially with clear signage, this looks great

Yes

Yes

Hiking/running, disc golfing and mountain biking are mutual activities that thrive to benefit from the same natural areas without interfering with each other. Overlapping and integrating trails and pathways is very possible with this land where three different trail structures can easily intermingle and promote positive experiences and impact satisfying and driving all generations.

Appears to. Glad they will use the bigger parking area as the parking by the hiking, CC ski trailhead is often full

map hard to read

Not sure I understand how the proposed trail impacts other activities.

Yes

Unsure

I am not sure I fully understand if the trails identified are multi use or specific to hiking or biking. When hiking, It is usually not a problem with multi use trails. Only in areas of limited visibility.

N/A

Yes.

Yes, but I believe we should share spaces and if there is overlap in use, then we all need to be respectful.

Yes

Hikers and disk golfers are regularly in each other's way

It's hard to tell from the "MTB Concept Trails" map if there are conflicts with the hiking and disc golf locations.

Not sure, as above map doesn't show existing hiking trails or the disc golf layout.

As long as there is clear signage and completely separate trails between hikers/disc golfers and bikers, then conflicts will be greatly reduced.

No

With the huge increase in area foot/bike traffic since the COVID epidemic, I would like to see designated paths as long as both modes have a variety of terrain to explore. I'm also idly wondering if Segment 51 represents the Clarence Kroupa property and if so, whether that area can be strictly foot traffic. Overall I think this will be a huge draw to the area so it will be important to be prepared for larger crowds. I'm so grateful to see the hills where I skied in the 1960's are still welcoming outdoor lovers!

Unsure - the map is quite small to read I have not recreated at Hickory Hills in the past. I am extremely interested in having more hiking option in Grand Traverse in the future!

No. Biking trails cannot cross disc golf fairways. This would be distracting to golfers and potentially deadly to bikers.

I can't tell from this map as the disc golf and hiking areas are not marked.

No it doesn't. The trail appears to directly interfere with the disc golf course throughout it's entirety. This would be a major safety hazard.

This looks to conflict greatly with the disc golf course.

Since this survey was released and map made public, the hiking and disc golf trails and far less enjoyable due to increased mountain bike traffic. Riders are traveling too fast with no regard for others. Walks are no longer peaceful as my family always feels on guard.

This map is inadequate it doesn't show potential trail use conflicts with other activities- disc golf, Nordic trails, alpine skiing

I am a hiker hoping to have piece and quite

It does not. This map includes trails that run directly through the existing disc golf course. I mean, this map seems to propose that bike trails as taking over the whole hills property. As someone who hikes the trails at the Commons, it seems like bikers there cruise through at high speeds and just expect hikers to jump out of the way, expecting the right of way to be theirs. Disc golfers are often throwing disc 300-400 feet ahead of them (sometimes further if its downhill), and it is not hard to imagine a biker whipping around a corner into the disc golf area with out caution, into the path of an already flying disc, and it will be the disc golfers fault.

Yes

Probably not completely, but it's difficult to see all the trails for disc golf and hiking from this map.

Keep fast moving bikes and specialty trails separate from hikers

Yes

Just make sure traffic is controlled and safe in the area particularly the speed limit.

Honestly it's hard to tell without the other trails represented on the map

i don't think bikers should be by these people

I imagine so.

The trails in the conceptual map are all proposed bike trails, correct? If so, it's a big investment for the bike community that takes up trails that could be used for running, hiking, and other activities. I support bike trails but not to the level shown.

I don't think so., It looks like it would affect the disc golf course too much

Maybe

It's going to greatly interfere with the recently completed disc golf course.

Let's just I avoid playing other place so I don't hit people with my discs

Having biking paths cross the disc golf holes is dangerous to all and the biking trails should be routed around the disc golf course accordingly.

Strongly support increased disc golf activities at hickory hills

Hickory hills has continually been evolving. It is hard to integrate disc golf, mountain biking, and hiking, without complaints from a portion of these participants. We just need to do our best to give the best quality we can to each group.

I only hike but feel if there is an issue, it should be resolved.

I guess a disc could hit a biker

I haven't really experienced any conflicts, but the course is beautiful.

Empty text input area consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

What do you like best/least on the Conceptual Map?

IF I could read the map, I would be able to tell you.

Lack of topography contours and information re: other activities (hiking, disc golf) make this a rather poor map.

Wish there was more mountain bike trails

Extensiveness

Most activities are passive and quiet. Mountain biking is not. Not much different than someone blowing by you on a snow machine while your snowshoeing.

The trails are well spread out and use the terrain well

I like that the intermediate trail is closest to the point of entry.

It looks great to me. Things may present themselves as it moves along but they can be addressed then.

Users just need to warm up to the idea that this will be a multi use facility.

Mountain Bike Trails!

Best: Ample trails for mountain biking.

Least: difficult to visualize the interaction with existing trails. Doesn't depict impact of existing vegetation.

I really like the division by experience level.

No designated place for hikers to use to stay off bike trails.

Least : Lack of downhill focus trails

Best :

Notes : The map does not show if there are specific downhill/ jump lines, if that is represented in black, great job. If not I believe this is the biggest opportunity for Hickory Hills to provide a different type of trail to the community. Traverse City has an abundance of beginner to intermediate trails, please use the elevation for good and teach the kids how to have fun the rowdy way.

It's hard to tell from the map how the biking trails intersect with disc golf but I can imagine there may be some issues with that.

Building sections of trail that are appropriate for different skill levels.

I think it looks great!

Again can't see the separation of hiking/ biking trails.

Emphasis on blue and green trails

I like the trail offering different levels of difficulty.

The overall usage of elevation

More trails, rating system for difficulty level

A topo map with the layout would be helpful.

See above.

I like the idea of one direction trails, but also consider bi directional based on the day of the week (which maximizes the value of the trail, and reduces wear on the trail).

Would like to see a hub incorporated (ala Palmer Woods) with one main starting/ending/gathering point, as opposed to two trailheads in this concept. A hub brings people together, creates a specific location for signage, bike tools, messages, maps, art, water, changing rooms, etc.

All trails should loop back to hub, if possible, so families/groups can ride on separate trails but meet up.

How does this trail network plan to integrate with the newest hickory addition (woods/forest?)

As typical Traverse City business and it's lack of transparency, I can assume the decision has been made to make the mountain biking trail. No doubt this survey is an attempt to be gesture of concern for our input.

As it will be build, perhaps not with the majority voice in mind, I will go on record with my suggestion regardless.

Please keep the mountain biking trail on the perimeter of the park. It will be safer for the disc golfers and hikers.

Like the varied skill levels

more biking trails

Seems ok to me

The faster riders do appear to be kept away from known uses.

I like how the different loops intersect to allow for a variety of routes that the rider could choose.

I like that there are multiple levels of trail and will hopefully entice new and entry level riders to the trails as well

As mentioned above, I would like to see a composite map that shows how all users can be accommodated within the park. I'd also like to see some area reserved for a walking/hiking interconnector trail joining Hickory Meadows, and ultimately, Hickory Forest.

Looks like it was designed with elevation in mind so the trails flow nicely without too many stretches of steep climbing. May have to consider direction of green trail for riders wanting to include everything in one loop.

See above.

I like the connection points where someone could transition from a beginner trail to an intermediate and so on. IS there a way to extend the advance loop?

Add a dog friendly sign-hope it is still!

The lack of clearly defined foot/bike trails.

where are the hiking trails shown or are they combined with the mtb trails ?

I am a mountain biker that never rides at the Commons because bikes and walkers do not mix very well so rather than affect another's experience I ride elsewhere. What I like least about the map above as it does not make clear the paths are separate, how the separation will be encouraged and how the views for walkers will be protected from seeing the bike paths.

That's hard to picture from the attached map, looks to be a lot of XC trails how about using hickory elevation to promote some directional modern designed Free Ride trails as well and I hate to say it but how about an e-bike loop

Mountain bike trails are needed!

Best: varying degrees of skill levels on trails, this will be useful for new or young riders to gradually gain confidence and increase their skills and abilities.

From what I can tell it looks amazing!

Great full usage of the property!

I like the trail expansion and dedicated trails for bikes. I appreciate the inclusion of beginner and expert terrain with the bulk of the terrain being intermediate.

I like that there is a longer intermediate trail.

Good separation.

I like that there is a wide variety but it needs a long downhill jump trail similar to the copper ridge trails or vasa pump track To small. No legend. Should also have an overlay with topography on one of the maps.

This map is to small.

Love trails for beginner, intermediate and advanced!

Building professionally designed sustainable trails on the property.

I like that there are beginner, intermediate, and advanced trails and that they total over 5 miles.

I would like to see the main trailhead at M-72. If this becomes really popular like for instance the trailhead in Marquette, it will generate too much traffic going into Slabtown and on Randolph Street. I think it would be nice for those residents as they already experience that with the increase in visitors to Hickory Hills in the winter. From a safety standpoint it would be better to decrease traffic with several neighborhood kids out walking and biking. The police very rarely monitor Randolph Street for instance and cars go well above the speed limit at excessive speeds.

It expands our family's usage of Hickory Hills.

The design of the trails appears to work with the natural contours of the land

All skill levels availability is good. More progressive trail is desired.

Lack of clarity of uses other than mountain biking.

I like it as long as trails are more rugged style with ride arounds. Palmer woods / Marquette style trails not Vasa style

Biking trails current flow style, pump track needed for multiple abilities

The mountain bike/hike new trails.

love it

Appears to utilize a lot of the land and looks to be friendly to almost all bikers.

More mtb!

Best: the diversity of levels of trails.

Worst: nothing.

Beginner, intermediate and advance

Mtb

Seems fine

I wish there were a 10 to 15 mile loop :) I would like to see the proposed elevation acent over the intermediate loop at least. As someone who rides roughly 8 to 13 miles 3 to 5 days a week on my way into work. This looks like it will be a fantastic addition to my ride in. The more time I can spend on dirt trails the better.

I'm confused by the Conceptual map. Are these proposed hiking trails, biking trails, or both? I hike less frequently at The Commons because of the proliferation of bike trails and the confusion that has been created. I would hate to see the same at Hickoy

The fact we could have this trail system and the diversity.

well designed trails

Great mix of elevation, distance, and downhill:)

I have ridden Hickory many times on my own, and having designated marked trails would make the experience for new comers very enjoyable. Great idea!

I like that there's dedicated bike trails to make ALL happy and respected.

That there are separate trails. I'm sure there would be some pissy dog walkers if you came cruising through on a bike

Allowing biking to the peripheral portions is a good idea in my opinion.

Looks like a good layout. Distance is pretty short but given the limited property and the potential elevation the layout seems to have potential.

It attempts to take advantage of all the land available

Directional well marked trail that maximizes the linear distance within the parcel.

Can't say that it looks bad at all.

I like the segmentation of the different skill levels

The best is that it shows level of bike you would need on the different parts of the trails

Again, hard to say from the trail map but I would hope for more complex trails when they are built. Adding in more advanced features like jumps, drops, and tabletops is needed to make TC a trail destination.

Best: various levels indicated

Least: wish there were more trails

Blue and black trails

Its a long trail

separate paths

I would mountain bike at hickory.

Great start

You have to drive out to Supply Road or up to Palmer Woods in Leelanau to get anything close to what is being proposed. Limited mileage is the biggest detriment to riding at Hick now; this additional single track trail specific for mountain biking would be a great amenity for the west side of TC.

The trail division looks great, with most of the trail being 'intermediate' but still with a strong beginner section to get new riders into the sport comfortably/safely.

Majority is intermediate which is great for recreational riding.

Having more intermediate trails is smart.

Does the cycling trail include hickory meadows? Can we connect from Wayne Street? Remember, it's not required to pave all parking. Gravel is ok.

looks great.

It appears well thought out

Appears a bit heavily dominated by biking. Would like to see other uses incorporated on the map... hiking trails/ski trails/disc golf... etc.

I like the plan for dedicated mountain biking trails.

I'm happy to see this being considered.

Not sure

Unsure, just love the idea of more MTN biking trails

Good utilization of the available space. I would like to see an access point from Barney Road. No parking there, just a access point for those of us who live nearby.

Separate but equal trails

Makes good use of the land available with most of the trail being accessible to most rider levels.

Not sure I have enough information to judge, but my impression is that it looks crowded. Not sure how all of this fits with other uses on the site.

best

Hard to see and read the map

Looks dialed.

I just the fact that there are separate hiking and biking trails

I appreciate that the beginner/intermediate trails are easily accessible.

Variable trails for different skill levels.

I like it all

Nice stacked loops, options, mix of beginner to advanced.

I'm excited that much of the trail is on the perimeter of hickory property as those areas have excellent topography/potential for mtb trails.

I love that there are variable difficulty trails.

All the trails. I love hiking and biking

Mountain bikers don't stay on trails

variety of trails

I like the layout of the biking trail.

Great layout of trail system surrounding Hickory Hills.

Use of the whole area

I live west of town so it'd be great to have access off Barney Rd.

Indications of entries from/to HM and HF; overlays of hiking and disc golf tees and poles

Well built and well maintained trails for hikers and bikers are lacking in close proximity of the downtown area and this is a great start in further development of an area craving outdoor recreation activities. Traverse City is behind in this type of development compared to other areas in the state.

See above, map not complete enough to be informative. Mt bike trails look great, but I need all trails shown to have a full understanding.

Seems good

Well defined loops.

Best: I like that there are beginner, intermediate, and advanced trails

Least: It may interfere with the disc golf course

Are there designated hiking trails? It didn't appear so to me.

I also don't mind using the biking trails or disc golf course, but just want it stated that hiking is allowed.

The length of the trails for Mt Biking, given the area. And that there will be Advanced (black diamond) trails as well as Beginner.

I can't tell if the mtb trails are shared or not. Where is the disc golf?

Least: Not quite enough advanced mountain bike trail. We have 100s of miles of beginner/intermediate trail in the lower peninsula. We also have a plethora of "blue" level trails, but to get anything advanced I have to drive to Munising really. That's too far.

Would also love to see more mountain biking added at some point beyond this map

Yes

Good combination of beginner, intermediate and advanced trails with intermediate being the longest.

No designated trails

It looks good!

The map is nearly impossible to make out ant detail, but it appears that everything enjoyable about the area is being sacrificed for the benefit of two groups....mountain bikes and disc golf. The general public and Traverse City taxpayers (the park owners) have been excluded from the conversation for years and are only being invited to the conversation AFTER all decisions and design work has been completed.

That it includes mountain bike trails.

Trails that don't conflict with hiking and disc golf are best. They ride too fast and unannounced

Concern about it intersecting with the established disc golf course

Love that it appears the trails are directional. Keep it that way if possible. Unless there are features that prevent it, rotate the direction of the trails on a daily basis similar to how a couple of the Palmer Woods trails are. M W F Sun one way, and T Th Sat the other direction

Least is the conflicts of bike and Disc Golf. It's dangerous to have bikes come flying into a fairway with a disc flying at them.

The potential intersection of trail traffic and disc golfers

N/a

The conceptual map seems to accommodate everyone's desires.

Everything looks pretty neutral to me. I don't see a current problem with the layout at this time.

Where it crosses with disc golf course... safety first!

Shows all trails, don't show trails of disc golf course

It's fine

asdf

Too many crossing paths between disc golf fairways and proposed pathways for cyclists.

The outer trails are great. I think there are too many trails within the disc golf course/ski areas.

Mtb trails.

It's ok

I like the time and effort that went into designing the trail system and it being shown on the map in great detail. It doesn't highlight current disc golf paths or baskets which makes it seem less invasive to them potentially.

The bikers are a pain in the butt to deal with when playing DG

Creating a safety hazard.

More advanced trails

I like the many opportunities to change your route with various difficulties at your disposal.

Looks good -as much advanced trail as possible. Can be done with rock gardens, jumps, drops etc (with routes around them like Palmer has.)

I would like to see the disc golf course map overlaid.

Would be nice if the biking trails included a few more miles.

Various levels of difficulty

I like that it uses a vast majority of the space

It's very clear and thought out. An overlay of the current disc golf course(s) would be nice though so we can see the impact it may have on the course.

I don't have much input as to a trail design. I just like the idea of the trail map expanding and offering many new, cool trails. It's a great area!

There is already a bit of hikers that cause back ups for the disc golf course. Adding mountain bike trails would increase the amount of traffic.

Utilizing the land for non-winter activities. Seems silly to have such a valuable piece of property dormant for most of the year. Perfect opportunity to expand the bike scene in Traverse and potentially new revenue stream if the lodge could be opened for refreshments.

The presence of advanced mountain bike trails.

Looks like disc golf areas are clear from trails as best they can

The separate uses but also some commingling. It's important that all groups can come together to mutually enjoy the space.

The trail looks like a blast, I would be super excited to try it out!

Too much biking trails. Destroy environment.

Like the plan for more expansion for the community.

One Way riding.

Neutral

not sure

I like the idea of bringing in mtb specific trails and trust the experts to put them where they work best. I also have no problem with shared use trails (I'm a cyclist) and always do my best to respect other trail users

Na

It's mostly around the disc golf course. Mostly worried about safety

I like the stacked loops and options for short cuts or extensions. I also like that the trail goes to an overlook.

Looks great, I hope it happens.

Avoidance of disc golf courses

Seems like it makes the most of available land on the property

It looks like it overlaps in several places.

I like the proposed trail routes, but it would be helpful to see an elevation profile alongside for each trail type (beg, int, adv). I think it would also be helpful for people to see the other trails and disc golf course so they might respond to the previous question from a more informed position.

Stupid idea. Too much traffic. Keep skiing in winter and hiking as it is

I like that the bulk of the trail is intermediate.

I would nordic ski here more often with other nordic trail options. The meadows get over run with walkers on the groomed trail. The wooded section is much too advance/steep grades for the average nordic skier.

It'd be nice to see additional elements considered to service the trails, like a washing station for bikes. And, what's the plan for navigating through the parking lot if someone wants to ride a loop?

Hard to say, not knowing the terrain, etc

Would be great to have a groomed fat tire loop in the winter!

The biking trails appear to coincide with a significant amount of the disc golf course. Again: safe trails are a must. Sensible biking trails probably coexist poorly on a tremendously popular and well attended disc golf course.

?

Nothing it seems to take in zero thought to other activities already enjoyed on the property

The colors

Just concerned about trails overlapping

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I like it a lot

Yes

N/A

It would be nice to see the disc golf course and hiking trails to see how everything might coexist with one another

The mountain bike trails

I like the long intermediate trail. I think of 4 miles as the length required to create a loop for an actual 'ride' as opposed to pattering around on the bike. Lake Ann loop is a similar distance I have ridden frequently for years, often lapping 2 or 3 times. Having a dedicated loop means not having to disturb hikers repeatedly during an outing.

It makes sense that the longest trail is intermediate-level. Looks fun and twisty but with no topo lines it's hard to fully evaluate it.

Length of trails, layout, and level options.

Neutral

Trail looks great, however I can't see where the disc golf course is.

It looks really good

Like the best the stacked loop nature of the proposed mountain bike trails. Also like the distance of the intermediate loop. Also liked the one direction trails proposed. One suggestion would be to design trails that could be ridden both directions and reverse the direction of travel on certain days of the week to give riders more variety.

Trails follow disc courses the whole way

More MTB trails

Like the idea of extended bike trails

Expanded trails

Na

I dislike that the concept map seems to assume that the new bike trails would be the sole priority of the property, ignoring many existing features used by other functions.

That said, if I were a mountain biker I'd likely appreciate the different skilled levels available with this layout.

My only worry is mountain bikes crossing into frisbee golf courses

I like the trails setup away from the disc golf course the best. I don't like the trails through the disc golf course.

Pro- keeps the encounters of golfers and trail users to a minimum by keeping trails alongside fairways. Also gives direction to visitors wanting to visit what is my option the best view of traverse city. Making it a much safer and more enjoyable place to visit for all.

there could be more advanced trails

It's designated for all to enjoy

Again, need all trails included to make an informed opinion.

All users on same trail

The inclusion of several activities in the overall area

Biking trails would be a superior addition to the already stellar outdoor recreation area Hickory provides to the Grand Traverse area.

I like they are one-way.

Lots of blue is great.

I wouldn't mind a little more black.

Hoping for more harder trails

NA

Minimizing conflicts.

Neutral

I love the idea of having an in-town area to do mountain biking.

I like the three levels of trails

mountain bike trails

Directional is good

It seems you can transition well to make longer continuous ride

It looks well thought out and utilizes the terrain

I love adding mountain biking trails within the City! This would be a wonderful addition to the options in town.

Not enough designated hiking areas to avoid conflict with mountain bikers. Bikers are supposed to yield to hikers and they never do that at Hickory. They don't give warning if they are coming up from behind which has caused dangerous situations. There's also a problem with bikers and hikers who do not leash their dogs, causing conflict with other bikers and hikers

Any time we can get dedicated trails, it's a good thing

I like that green is a contiguous loop with a few options to hop onto blue. I like the one way directions.

Mt bikers need to yield and be safe around walkers

Half the trails should be hiking trails

The map only addresses mountain bike uses

I like the concentration and easy access to all areas. There is nothing not to like here, more access=more better.

The mountain bike trails

Lots of intermediate terrain. Not sure how biking and hiking would coexist peacefully, however...

Good utilization of the property boundaries without crossing the ski runs a great deal.

The trails themselves look great in terms of meeting the needs of multiple skill levels, and they would certainly be a great addition to the outdoor recreation offering in Northern Michigan. However, the recent additions to the disc golf course at Hickory Hills have also been a huge value-add to the property's outdoor recreation offering and are extremely well-regarded in the disc golf community, and it's not clear from the above map whether the two would interact with one another in amicable ways.

More mountain bike trails close to TC

Trails for different levels

Would like areas to ride a bike that was wide open and not closed in.

Mountain bike trails

The fact that it crossed the disc golf course everywhere.

Comments above, would like to be able to hike this area.

I got lost hiking and could not at all view in my head where I was at. With this map stored on my phone that should not happen again

Bike trails in the ski area

Separate mountain biking trails. Good hills.

Would be nice to have a loop that does not intersect the ski trails for winter bike use

The level of difficulty it would provide for bikers

Too much space allocated to mountain bikers, who frequently come up quickly from behind if they share a path with hikers.

Great use of space!

I like how it uses terrain that is not currently being used.

Mtb trails good mix of trail difficulty.

The trails seem very spread out.

Good utilization of the available property

Rock solid involvement

Having both beginner and intermediate levels is good. Would be nice to include more advanced trails.

Looks like a good amount of trail for cycling. The picture is not titled but I'm assuming that's what it is.

Nothing

The MTB trail concept looks great. It appears that it could easily be expanded to adjacent properties should that opportunity arise. Rock Solid has a great nationwide reputation and I think we can trust them to build an awesome, sustainable trail. We have been needing something like this in TC!

It would be nice if the map could be viewed larger to see more detail to answer this question.

I like the variety of trails included in terms of skill level.

I like the utilization of space and the varying difficulty levels.

The color coding is nice.

Best - Identified levels

The extent and skill level variety of the mountain bike trails.

Trail system with multiple levels

one trail ends up right along the disc golf course

Only illustrates mountain biking trails.

Hard to tell; need enlarged map.

Least:

1. Color choice of trails

2. Unknown distance of each segment of trail

-Should be stated distance to each intersection

3. The scale at the bottom shows in feet..... are we talking about distance or elevation here? The scale should be in miles and I would suggest a better north arrow indication.

4. The title is boring and not inviting to the awesome recreational park.

5. Unsure if the directional arrows are needed... and if so they are small and too hard to see, if anything they should be bigger and more spaced out.

6. I dislike the way the trailheads are stated on the map and the emblem.

Best:

1. I like the choice of using a topo map of the area to show the area.

2. I like the choices of bike trails incorporated in the map.

trail variety

One way usage

It doesn't appear to have a trail for hiking separate from biking levels

In my experience, mountain bikes lead only to habitat destruction, excessive erosion, and unsafe trails for all. These are extensive trails. Hickory Hills already has a major erosion problem due to the failure to properly engineer the ski area updates. Adding mountain bike trails will only exacerbate the continued decline of this landscape.

I like the amount of trails present, more advanced trails would be a great thing.

I dislike seeing the beginner tracking being in the disc course.

It all looks good to me. As long as the advanced trails are actually advanced.

Roads not called out

Looks busy, but my mountain bike days are over so my opinion is not valid.

N/A

I like that it covers the whole area. I don't like that there's only one black trail. There should be multiple trails of every level. From greens to double black jumps. Could also make alternate routes and connect to the other trails

Best- That it exists

Worst- Not enough trails!

I do not want biking trails in Hickory. Why can't we ever leave anything alone?

I like the variety in proposed trails. But I think it needs to represent more length in the advanced trails.

Map is too small to see adequately

Decent overall length of trail system.

I like the use of the north side of the property

Beginner trail I would try as a senior

I'd love to see more advanced trails or a dedicated advanced trail.

I like the ability to start on an intermediate route from the parking lot.

Mountain bike trails!!! Please!

Need more details on how all the activities interact with each other

I like the balance of trails for varying ability levels.

I would love a mountain biking trail.

best: designed for 3 skill levels; directional

least: can't tell how it impacts the disc golf play

Love the idea of expanding the trails

It only shows bike trails and not golf or designated hiking trails marked. I hope hiking trails are included in the expansion, not just biking trails, especially on the recently acquired land. The blue trails look like a lot of climbing. Would like to see expanded trails for beginners. The Commons is all climbing too and it would be nice to have more beginner trails in town.

That the trails are designed as loops from the get go.

Best - appears to be a good use of the space.

Least - I highly suggest a skills development area. Multiple one-direction intermediate and advanced trails from the same starting point with one 'up trail' back to the top. This allows for skills to be built and keeps things entertaining for kids & advanced riders. Maybe the Northeast corner? Look into Benson Freeride hub in Marquette or Munising Bike Park. Doesn't need to be super advanced, just something that doesn't get boring after a few rides.

I like giving all users a place to go limiting conflict of users.

Different skill levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

how about nordic trails expansion.

I like that the trails go through the majority of the map and not just in one part.

Where, in relation to the proposed mountain trails, are the hiking trails? I don't like sharing a hiking/walking trail with bikes.

I like unidirectionality of the trails and awesome layout so you can combine different loops instead of just getting stuck on one loop.

I think it will be great to have new mountain biking trails since it's such a popular activity and also like the idea of designated trails. How would people who only hike get to see these trails as well? Would they be entirely off limits so hikers wouldn't get to see the new property?

It's detail.

I like the different levels of difficulty being separate.

Three levels of biking

More use of Hickory year round is a good thing.

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The expansion

Not understandable

The longer intermediate trail

The trails appear to be long without being too switchback oriented, which would hopefully allow for extended downhill sections. Having additional longer advanced trails would be a plus.

More trails!

I love that they are coated beginner intermediate and advanced for hikers and mountain bikers

Always would like more distance, but this seems like a great use of the space.

I like the way that the trails are laid out for different skill levels as well as the options for users to get back to the trailhead if needed.

Trails for MTB

It looks like it will be a difficult course.

N/A

N/A

It's honestly too small for me to make out much on it:) Again, I will stress the necessity to make sure that many trails are accessible and safe for walkers and dogs/kids etc. We recently moved back to No Michigan from Colorado and bikes and pedestrians are a dangerous mix...there needs to be bold, clear signage to designate who can use the trails and a decent way to enforce it...

I do like the hybrid satellite/simple basemap. Helps to show terrain and forest canopy. Wish it showed topography lines or another way to determine elevations since it is such a hilly area. Also, the hiking & disc golf trails are not depicted to it's hard to gauge whether bikes would be conflicting with other park users. I realize biking trails are the main focus of this map but showing other trails in a less-prominent color and of a smaller weight line would be helpful for planning. The beginner/intermediate/advanced differentiations are easy to follow and overall very helpful.

looks good. no additional comments

The key needs to inform me what is biking and what is hiking, disc golf areas, etc.

looks good

Need more than 1 small advanced trail!

designated trails and varying abilities to attract wider range of users.

I like all the trails

Please don't add mountain bike trails. I use these trails almost daily. This is a quiet natural area where people can leisurely commune with nature, not for thrill seeking. I'm all for expanding the hiking trail system, but would prefer that any future trail development be oriented toward preserving the peace and stillness of the area. Our lives are filled with opportunities for speed, noise and excitement. The number of places for quiet and stillness are in perpetual decline. Thanks.

designated trails

advanced looks to use steeper topography, may consider more miles of advanced trails and some jumps / other features

Dedicated bike trails. The bulk of the mileage is in intermediate trails. It would be great to have some optional features throughout the blue trail to ramp up the difficulty level if riders choose to.

I don't like the trails to be used for mountain biking keep biking on the flats or go to visa and commons. we don't need another erosion problem

See comments above.

If there is good signage, this will be better than what I recently experienced there.

I like how the plan includes the three different levels, from beginner to advanced.

I love the idea of designated Mtn Bike Trails. But it will be helpful to know what would happen at trail "intersections". Who has the Right of Way (biker, hiker/runner, golfer, etc). Will the trails be open in the Summer only or year round? Are these new trails or will they parallel current trails (i.e. have a Mtn. Bike Trail and a Hiking trail paralleling each other on the Nordic Ski Loop).

Looks great. .

Pro designed/built trails! Look at Palmer Woods as an example of what is possible for all levels of riders. A Barney Rd Trailhead would be nice too as this is a popular access point for those riding to/from GT Commons trails. Planning for this between parks route needs to be looked at as many ride both locations in a single ride to cover more distance and different terrain.

Appreciate the loop design. Loops make trails easier to follow, a family can utilize different routes and still end up at the start. We currently drive to Palmer Woods (40 minutes from Traverse City) to bike these types of loops.

Obviously you need extensive trails to satisfy the bikers but as I stated this is way too congestive. Hickory is not the place for mountain biking. Please keep your plans to more hiking trails.

The proposed MTB trails do seem to maximize the use of available space. The plan does not indicate how the new trails connect to the existing or proposed trails in the Meadows area and link to the M-72 trailhead.

Not sure

I believe there is room for even more miles of bike trails in the park...my main concern is to use side cuts and not have steep slopes that will encourage trail deterioration through hard braking or skidding...gentle side cuts and switchbacks should be designed for use of all rider capabilities.

Disc golf should have a dedicated area on the map.

I like the limited intersections of beginner/intermediate trails. I also like that the trails are taking advantage of as much of the property as they can. There is nothing I don't like!

I like the thought that the area will be better utilized during the non-skiing season. I would like to see the hiking trails around the "Hills" area better marked. At this point in time, the trails are marked incorrectly on several hiking apps, including AllTrails.

Mountain bike trails look great

I love that there are beginner, intermediate and advanced trails. It looks like a good use of the property.

Added mountain biking

Looks good

Appreciate how it winds some of the trails around the perimeter of the property as well as has three levels of mountain biking available. It navigates very well with the other trails.

The area is fun, pretty hilly. Should be quite a challenge at the intermediate and advanced level.

I'd like to see an enlarged version of the map and plan.

Additional trails are nice. There should be no accommodations for mountain bikes or dogs. Mountain bikes and dogs should be banned from trail use.

I like the amount of trail proposed and I dislike that we didn't do this 10 years ago!

I like that the beginner course is more than a mile. I like that the intermediate course isn't a separate thing and connects with the beginner and advanced level. I wish that the beginner course had a smaller loop so that little ones just starting have a quick exit if necessary...

N/a

Too many bike trails, not enough designated hiking trails.

Show the disc golf course holes

It doesn't include the disc golf and current hiking trails. As a dog walker/hiker, I don't want to interfere with the disc golfers and definitely don't want to cross paths with mountain bikers!

Using as much terrain as possible for biking

I don't have anything against mountain biking but to carve up Hickory Hills to allow for dedicated biking is not good environmental stewardship.

Map looks like mostly biking and not areas for walking. Also does not show disc golf

Use it too dense

I would like to see more of the plan to support the trees and woods.

A conceptual map needs to show all activities to be able to see how it works

Trails seem to dominate the area near Hickory Meadows which is currently excellent raw hiking and exploring territory.

Varying difficulty

Looks great

It accommodates various levels and looks like an area everyone will enjoy!

Looks great

I don't see any planned features marked on the map for the mountain bike trails.

It provides a nice layout of all trail uses.

There is no outline of where the disc golf holes are so you can't see where the overlap will be.

First of all, I can't read the map in any detail because of its low resolution. And if it does have a higher res file, it's not linked. This fact alone shows that your survey is a farce, but the questions asked here make it clear that you are only looking for confirmation, not dissent.

Preserve the natural resources

I know that mountain bikers will use the area regardless of the legality so it is best to be out front and provide a safe means for them to do their sport without endangering those who walk/hike.

I wish the plans included additional single track plans on the meadows side of the property, lots of opportunity there as well to connect.

Short advanced trail

Lack of overlay of other trails

It seems like a good mixture of skill levels, but more advanced routes are always welcome.

Na

I like the highlighted skill levels.

Too many bike trails

the separation of trail difficulties

Multiple loops of various skill levels

Best use of topography. No 'least' concerns identified

Make sure any bikers have mandated slower speeds at junctions/share trails.

Neutral for now

More advanced trails please!

I really like that there is a mountain bike trail for each of the three ability levels!

I love the variety of trails, but more advanced trails would be great. Maybe incorporate some ski trails?

Best: including an advanced trail

Least: looks, more mileage if possible!?

I do not like that of mountain biking ruining natural habitat and beauty!

All levels of trails

mtb trails - we need more of these in the community that expand beyond the CC that the VASA offers.

The biking trails are fragmenting the woodlands, as has been done at Palmer Woods in Leelanau County. I'm concerned about the spread of invasive species throughout the woods and the destruction of habitat for the native plants and animals.

Mtn bike route is on top of not 1, but dozen holes/fairways for the DG course.

Looks good to me. I'm sure I couldn't do it any better!

Conceptual map should overlay existing Nordic trail and frisbee golf tees for perspective

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I can't tell where the does golf is on the map

Can't tell from the photo

I am really happy to see the inclusion of mountain bike trails at varying difficulty. I think this is an excellent addition to our area.

The advanced trails

Trails are one way, there are multiple routing opportunities at intersections, and land seems to be well-utilized.

Least- mountain bikes.

Looks great

Good mix of trails for skill levels.

Efforts to separate activities by trail designation.

The conceptual map does not explain the new trails-are they for hiking/biking/skiing - they are unmarked.

Easy access between different trails

Best- the map indicates areas for all levels and modes of recreation.

Least-?

dont know enough to comment.

More access to mountain biking locally

I wish there were more "advanced trails" on the map. but I do like that there are mostly intermediate trails giving people a chance to ride something not too hard but not too easy if they want.

Any additional MTB trails is a plus for the region.

It is very hard to read and comprehend.

Like the length of the intermediate level.

Best: Keeping bikers & hikers separate so both can enjoy the trails/their activity.

Over 6 miles of biking would likely be a real draw..!

Would be very glad to see an overlay (map) of all uses..!

Best - good rendering of the mountain bike routes

Least - disc golf and hiking trails are not included on the map for reference

Bike trail overlap with disc golfers

Different levels of MTB trail is good.

I least like the money spent on esoteric uses that do not match broader community interests and capabilities.

Yes

I am not familiar enough with the topography to comment

The map, in my opinion, is really bad. I live in the neighborhood and use Hickory all the time and I have no idea what this is supposed to be showing me. There is a "North" reference which makes me think that Jefferson should be on there somewhere (at the bottom?) but I can't find it.

The parking lots are on the right which means you'd have to be looking from the M-72 side. In addition the meadow walking trails which would look like a big figure 8 or snowman aren't apparent.

Sorry, I give.

Not sure what im supposed to be evaluating here??

if there is accompanying signage so that the map can easily be followed then I like the map. I like the break out by skill level. It would be better if there were numbered or lettered points like there are on land trust trails with arrows pointing out the ID of the next location

See above

Doesn't show where the disc golf pins would go.

X

Good amount of intermediate blue trails

Appears to encourage one way riding. Limited intersections for confusion and cross traffic.

I like the concept of separate trails so advanced riders get their own paths so they don't get frustrated by the more recreational users

More mountain biking the better.

Not sure

Doesn't delineate between hiking and biking trails

I like the three levels of activity.

Like the directional trails and good use of topography that won't impede other trail users.

Unsure

Nothing.

Seems reasonable

Looks good

Once I click on the Conceptual Map I would like the link to open in Google maps to see the overall plan and be able to zoom in for details. Thanks

Overlap

I think some trails can be both hikers and bikers and some trails can be separate for only bikers and only hikers

If this is just for hiking and not for bikes I think it's great otherwise no. Anytime you have people walking and people on mountain bikes someone gets hurt from bikers thinking they rule.

Nothing

Not sure

I think that mountain biking and fat tire biking ruin the trails. I don't like the idea at Grand Traverse Commons either. Are these trails on this map for hiking or does it include mountain biking?

Scenic overlooks and more walking trails

Any new trails that crisscross the disc golf course fairways shouldn't be included in the new layouts. There are more Disc Golf users and hickory than any other activity including skiing so I would think it has some priority. It's been there since 1996 and every time changes are made to the park the just golf course was changed to accommodate the other activities and this is not fair. The activities that draw the most users to the park should have some priority. I think the planners should make an attempt to count the number of users that ski hike and disc golf.

Multiple rider skill levels could use the trails

It keeps majority of bikers separated from majority of walking/pets.

rated trails a big help.

Markings for trails

I'm not sure

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Trying to fill the place with more humans that don't care. No \$\$ is worth ruining a good thing. Leave it alone!

I like how the whole area is planning for several activities it looks like it's gonna be a wonderful resource for Traverse City thanks to all for their efforts.

See above.

everything is ok

Have to ponder this more

It all looks good

Best: The trails.

Pretty blue lines!

Options

N/A

junctions not clear. disc golf needs to have protected area from biking and hiking

I like it all.

Separate hiking and biking.

I like that intermediate trails are the majority.

It does not seem to address the lack of a safe route to and from hickory. I don't like walking or riding on Randolph or Wayne when going to and from hickory with my kids and dog from Slabtown. There's a lot of traffic with blind hills and many driving too fast.

As long as hikers don't have to worry about getting run over by mountain bikers, it should be ok.

Unknown

The map I we legend does not differentiate between hiking, biking and disc golf maybe it's just me

I would like to see some hiking trails.

Looks fine.

I like the level options of the trails. I think adding mountain biking to this area is great!

Trail variability.

most trail length is suitable for intermediate users (like me!)

It doesn't show the hiking trails and disc golf course.

Well thought out!

How do you know which trails are for biking and which for hiking? Or, does each trail cover both?

Map is not clear as to what it portrays. Are the squiggle lines hiking, biking, disk golf, all three?

Not sure

very difficult to read and understand, too small

Seems like the trails provide adequate coverage given the space constraints.

Can't tell trail use

Unsure

No best

Separately laid out trails for different levels of expertise.

Can't tell designation of trail activities

Variety of trails

Looks good on paper, but will people understand the separation while they are riding bikes at a good speed? The trail markers must be very clear.

I like the various trail levels for different groups of people and that the beginner has limited intersection with the intermediate (3?) Kids of various ages will want to use these trails and we need to keep that in mind as there are different age/skill levels.

Could not define where the mile meadow walk was, it will still be there? Take my mom there because it is flat.

Mountain bike trails with designated green blue and black trails.

I like that the trails maximize the use of the terrain. I can't tell what use is for what trail.

What sport is the key for?

Will more parking be needed if there is more use?

Rock Solid

Lots of trails!

I like the separate levels of abilities available
separation of activities I like the best

Map looks good to me.

Using the space well

seperate trails

Length of Intermediate trail/

The beginner trails. I go to hike and get a workout and appreciate the hills.

Best routing

Well laid out.

Clear layout and marking of trails.

Like how at number 5 all the trails begin/end.

Don't know

no comment

Long intermediate trail(s).

I love seeing this area revitalized and funded. Such a great asset for our youth.

it works

I like the allocation of trail mileage for beginner & intermediate trails with less for advanced trail.

Easy to read

It's really short (trails). So it seems like a beginner only system might be better (unless you are making the intermediate/advanced trails full of park obstacles, it doesn't make sense.

separated activities

I'm neutral about the map. I hike all of the trails.

Like the advanced course on the upper perimeter and the easier course more easily accessible

no opinion

To me it makes the most sense to have the mountain bike trails around the periphery of the park, so they conflict as little as possible with the existing disc golf and hiking.

Are there any rest rooms?

Any type of lighting?

Any emergency call areas?

Any type of benches (thinking those with limitations, but want to use beginner trails)

I'm excited for the mountain bike trails!! I'm hoping the trails have a great flow to them, and not a lot of turns to interrupt a nice flow. Have you checked out the trail system in Marquette? They have done an amazing job up there.

Separate trails

Good mix most intermediate!

Please eliminate mountain biking trails.

Hiking is great.

Disc golf is nice.

Mountain biking is not needed.

Mountain Biking!

why must everything be 'improved'?

There is a lot of room to spread out and avoid collision between faster bikers and walkers. Plenty of loops for those looking for longer or shorter activities.

Plenty of access and exit points.

Many varieties of trails and difficulty

I would like to see a more natural area rather than forest beat up by humans.

I know kids need space to get out their energy though so I understand why it would be popular to have the bike trails. They will need more parking as people are moving here by the thousands and making it into a little Detroit now. So many apartments and subdivisions where there used to be farms and orchards will make it a popular destination.

make use of land

Not sure

Nothing in particular

That people are gathering suggestions and that change for the better is coming.

Trails

Actually a map.

Is there a connector to the commons trail and hickory trails?

It looks good to me!

I like how the difficulties are separated and you can opt out or in easily along the trail.

I like the new intermediate trails which appear to expand the current trail system into the new land.

i like it

Hard to translate to my knowledge of Hickory on my feet.

Best is every one can do sports together and worst is some of the trails are too long

Having a bit of difficulty really grasping what's being presented on the Conceptual Map, so I'm unsure.

Suggestion: Create connection points between inner „Green Trail“ and „ Blue Trail System. That way one can switch the intensity level of a ride as needed.

mountain biking

No comment

I like it all

Just that this is happening is awesome!

Year around outdoor recreational opportunities.

Please leave as js

Mountain biking and hiking

Not sure

The expanded trails

Separate trail systems

Too much area for mountain biking

It's great...brilliant!

The beginner section does not cross path with the advanced.

Best...how many trails are included.

Least...considering how extensive, how damage to flora and erosion might be addressed.

Not sure

I like the colors. I dislike the lack of clarity about the map. Which trails are hiking and which are biking trails? Where is the disc golf? If you want the public to identify potential conflicts, you have to show where everything is situated.

Na

Would like to see longer advanced route.

I like separation of beginner and advanced trails.

Looks like mountain biking overrules everything else. Maybe I just don't see where the hikers go to not mix in with the bike trails.

I do support bike trails and have riders in my family, but have also seen tearing up of park land behind the commons by mountain biking.

There have been bikers injured up behind the commons. Can certain trail aspects decrease the potential for bike rider injuries?

Again, hard to tell without seeing a larger version of the map.

Looks like there's an effort to develop as many trails as possible, which is great. It would be nice to add the Meadows, though.

Not much, need to develop better parking

Trails look good; just concerned about mtn bike areas as on other trails, it can be dangerous for hikers.

No comment.

Let it be wild nature

Looks like a lot more trees will have to come down

Best= designated mnt bike trails with a variety of skill levels.

Least= N/A at this time

3 levels of mtn bike trails

I like the variety of bike ability

The trails on the map look decent. What will be most important to decrease frustration, complaints and inappropriate and unsafe behavior is setting expectations early and having adequate signage. Signage! setting positive expectations for all and preventing negative experience and reaction with use simple universal frequent signs indicating type of trail use, direction of travel, yield/stops signs, easy exit routes in case of fatigue/injury/lack of water, and knowing help is available (indexed posts that 911 dispatch can identify)

Parking is best as mentioned above.

hard to read

Varied skill levels

I like the length of the mtb trails. To be able to get a good ride in (via several loops) without driving (gas \$) all the way to the Vasa, etc would be a nice opportunity.

I would love to see benches and picnic areas for summer time.

The different skill levels clearly marked. I have gotten turned around snowshoeing in the winter!!!

Would like potential for ungroomed alpine skiing on new parcels

I like having dedicated mountain bike trails.

I appreciate that the trails are directional. I also like that some advance trails are included. I don't just want trails winding around in the woods doing the same thing over and over. There should be features that offer some challenge.

Great opportunities for more users

Good amount of intermediate trails

I wish there were more!

It's nice that the mountain bike trails cross in several locations. This allows for variations in length of rides.

I really like that there will sections of trail for all ability levels. This should help attract those who are new to the sport, while hopefully providing enough challenge to keep the interest of experienced riders.

I love the idea of adding MTB specific trails. Go big and add more!

I like the advanced trail.

I will know more after the Open House in September.

Unsure - the map is quite small to read I have not recreated at Hickory Hills in the past. I am extremely interested in having more hiking option in Grand Traverse in the future!

The disc golf course isn't shown, so an informed decision can't be made.

I like that it shows a great looking mountain bike trail. I don't like that it doesn't clearly show the disc golf course or existing hiking paths. Who thought this was a good idea?

I don't like that the proposed bike trail is entwined with the already existing disc golf course layout.

The disc golf course is pretty active, with many occasions where there will be waits to play. Truthfully, I have been playing this course less in recent years to avoid the "crowd."

The inclusion of another activity in the same area will likely increase the wait times for us all to share, but of greater concern is the chance for a biker flying around a corner to either be struck by a disc or run into a golfer. Bikers can get pretty fast on the trails and with little-to-no warning when they're coming up.

I expect it more likely a biker would get struck by a disc than a golfer hit by a bike, but who would be held liable for that? A disc can easily be in the air long enough for an unexpected biker to dart out of the woods or around a corner in the direct line of the thrown disc. The course would look clear for a throw, then--bam! A biker gets whacked by a disc and tumbles off their bike.

The mountain bikers are riding through walking trails and the disc golf course. While hikers and disc golfer are able to recreate safely together, bikes create a new danger for both other parties.

See above

Covers much of the area

If the city parks folks are looking to turn Hickory Hills into a park exclusive to mountain biking, then the map looks great, but I don't think many people would want this. For shared use, there is too many mountain bike trails.

Long intermediate level trail

I like the variety of difficulty of trails offered on the map.

Multi use

The amount of mountain bike trails

The idea of having multiple levels of biking trails.

I don't really understand the map.

activities

I like the idea of knowing I will be safe from bikers on the hiking trails. However, are these proposed biking trails going to take away hikers' access from already existing trails, or are these new trails built for bikers? How will this be enforced? I imagine bikers will mostly stick to their trails, but I envision hikers trying to explore biking trails. This might pose safety risks.

The map need a better explanation of what is proposed besides biking trails,

I feel that it would interfere with the existing disc golf course too much

Not sure

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The interference with the disc golf course.

Disc golf tees

Looks as though the biking trails cross almost every disc golf hole.

N/a

I always worry about hikers and bikers using the same trails without tension. I also always worry about discs flying down trails that are being used by bikers. Each sport requires the person involved to be focusing on their own performance and sometimes their peripheral vision is not watching for danger.

Wonder if there is enough beginner trails.

It's fine

I think that the trails will offer a fantastic opportunity for people to get a feel for their abilities and push themselves more.

Blank lined area for additional text.

Do you have anything further that you would like to share?

Survey is great.

Thank you

The plan looks great, please try to incorporate elements of the new style of mountain bike trails, like Palmer woods. Banked turns, rollers and small jumps.

We NEED designated mountain biking trails closer to the city. You'll find families will flock to these trails as they can ride from home, as opposed to attempting to pack bikes and kids in the car and head out to other trails in the area (which isn't feasible for some families). Because of the lack of trails in the city, we know people who have purposefully purchased homes near trails (particularly East Bay Twp) because they would be unable to transport their kids with bikes to the trails.

Please be mindful of erosion, more sensitive natural features when planning.

Thank you for preserving and improving Hickory, it's a gem

So far the redo at Hickory is really great. I hope this doesn't screw it up.

This is very exciting!

Just excited for city mtb trails!!!!

I think this is great. Put out a survey of people willing to help and I'd be interested in that as well.

super excited for dedicated, professionally constructed trails in the City. Very cool!

Disc golf appears to take a back seat at times and I would hate to see it further limited so please consider this in implementing plans that take advantage of the great area you have.

Yes we played Disc Golf nice but so much erosion. Plenty of terrain but the Gulleys and such wash outs. The logs should be cut into Firewood also. First time there and was overwelled from the place Great

Signage is very important to maintain trail safety. I'm assuming trails will be single direction based on day?

I believe we should continue to improve and expand the biking, hiking, Nordic and alpine trails! I believe particularly the mountain biking trails will be popular and are a great addition.

Could connect to TART and other trails behind the Commons

Stop allowing dogs in the ski trails

No

Looks like an awesome plan!

Does this conceptual plan include considerations for future/improved connections to Hickory Meadows and the Hickory Forest (I think that's what it is called, the new tract of land)?

Hikers over bikers. I was just notified from a friend about her walking/biking accident on the new Boardman Loop Trail; she was plowed over by a biker. I've had my own close calls in Hickory! Keep this for non-biking activities!

Please consider making these trails ALL legitimate machine cut flow trails with soil and clay reinforcements. This is the future of all trails. We have hundreds of miles of handcut trails in northern Michigan, but machine cut, soil reinforced trails are unique and becoming the de facto expectation. They also last longer, are more enjoyable for all riders, and attract those who will advocate on their behalf.

I love it! Please keep these trails flowy but with technical obstacles.

Mountain biking would be awesome.

When do we build this?

I'm a more passive user of Hickory Hills and therefore my insight may not be as helpful but I would thoroughly enjoy a site visit with a walk through of the vision here.

Excited to come ride the trails with my friends!

Thanks to the people organizing this effort! Much needed mountain bike trail system on this side of town. Will be awesome to possibly have Norte programs out of Hickory instead of driving across town to VASA. Also really looking forward to possible cross country MTB races.

Would love to see this trail system tie into Hickory Meadows and Hickory Preserve.

—Tom Young

Can't wait to use these trails. Am an avid participant at Palmer Woods. I think that facility has been wonderfully created — and certainly provides a successful model.

THANK YOU - these trails will be a lasting and engaging asset to our region.

Thank you!

As a coach at Norte, the opportunities for real trails is exciting.

Getting bikes off nordic ski trails is a priority; they really disrupt the experience and the quality of the trails, especially where trails have been groomed for skating. Fat tire bikes should have their own clearly marked winter trail if they are going to be allowed/encouraged at Hickory. In the other three seasons, it's important to keep foot trails (for hiking or running) separate from bike trails, and I would encourage really limited bike trail development. There are already many opportunities regionally for mountain bikers. It doesn't seem like Hickory needs to be yet another.

Making trails is expensive and whatever you plan to do PLEASE be sure to prioritize the following if you choose to go forward with developing trails:

1) Be sure one user group does not take or reduce the experience from the other and walkers and runners were at the commons first. They are the incumbent user.

2) Be 100% sure the trails you build are sustainable. The last thing anyone wants are trails that erode, become dangerous and make a user group look destructive.

3) Be sure to build into your plans how you plan to police the trail system including the inclusion or exclusion of ebikes. Ebikes will change the entire dynamic. Proceed carefully, thoughtfully and conservatively or the project may implode.

There is a plethora of old school XC trails in this region it would be really nice to see something within Traverse City limits that embraces true modern trail building, the closest thing we have to modern trail building is Palmer woods and that's a 45 minute drive from town

Thanks for considering this. More mountain bike trails would be awesome.

The quality and enjoyment of MTB trails varies greatly based on the layout and integrated obstacles (banked corners, drops, rollers, etc.) good trail design is critical to encouraging regular ridership. Organizations such as the Northern Michigan Mountain Biking Association (NMMBA) would be excellent resources / partners for such a project.

Clear Signage and wayfinding on trails is also extremely important.

Trail direction:

One-way trails allow riders to fully focus on the trails, and fully commit to tackling obstacles without the burden of constantly monitoring for other oncoming riders.

Alternating the trail direction by day/year allows the same trail to be experienced two separate ways by can restrict the design.

There are not that many trails in town. Runners and hikers will use any new trails built regardless of what they are designated. Hickory non-winter is predominantly used by hikes, runners and disc golfers. You can't expect to come in and build new trails just for Mountain Bikers. People will need to be open to sharing.

I'm thrilled about the prospect of having these trails available at Hickory. I fully support as much separation as possible for hiking versus biking. I grew up in TC and have hiked Hickory and Oleson's Field for years. My biggest hope is that the hiking won't be majorly impacted, but I understand if there needs to be some cross-section.

This is super important to the largely growing community of cyclists - absolutely an opportunity to generate cash flow too! Donation box, mountain bike event, etc

Not at this time.

Please add a large jump trail

Need to have a much deeper dive into this discussion and maps. I don't like how a couple of the questions are poised. Should have a detailed question with better understanding prior to answering these questions.

Build it soon, please. Traverse City needs this.

It would be wonderful to have mountain bike trails on the west side of town.

I like that none of these trails infringe on the Hickory Meadows area. I think it is important to keep that area preserved for a quieter hiking area for elderly that can't walk hills, dogs, etc. I really hope that area will never be looked at for designated mountain bike trails.

My boys 7 and 14 enjoy the training loops at the Vasa and Palmer Woods (Ursa Minor)

It is a great idea to invest in the biking community. It is a free activity and the trails will get substantial use.

While I live in Benzie County, I work in Grand Traverse County. I'm very excited for Traverse City to have an example of a sustainably built and maintained biking trail system.

I love that TC is developing towards a better bike community!

Mountain bike trails within the city would be a huge asset to the community and minimize conflicts with proper design.

I hope the red tape can be cut in order to get this done. I have been skiing at hickory since 1980 and would beg to have mtb trails there.

Please put in a pump track at base of trail system. Paved it needed

Please do it!

NMMBA needs to be a part of this

This development would be a great resource to TC. Most trails involve driving and this would eliminate time and fuel waste. The best thing about this design is that KIDS CAN ACTUALLY MOUNTAIN BIKE MUCH MORE since they can't drive to trails. The amount of kids who could use this trail from their garage is beyond exciting. No doubt that hiking and biking here will be a huge resource to the overall health of our community!

Great work to the crew who made this! Hickory is magical.

This is great! It would be wonderful to have 5 to 6 miles of more mtb trails in Traverse City.

Thank You,

Morgan

Morganburkebeyers@gmail.com

This is great and I hope it happens!

thanks. keep going!

I would love to have designated trails to ride at Hickory! It's so nice to have trails so close to town with some professional input and builds.

This would be a great addition for people to make the trip to help the economy of TC!

Thank you to the volunteers

Would jump at the chance of having/riding some portion of this loop system designated for fat bike use as well. If possible.

No

It is fantastic to see this plan move forward. That is such a little gem. This is such a great use of the space and topography.

People want trails that they can build skills on. Having nothing but green trails at every trailhead within a thirty mile radius is boring. Please add some variety and technicality.

I fully support this!

No

no

No

N/A

A tool station and air pump by a large map of the trail system are always nice to have at the trailhead!

Would fat tires be allowed in winter? I ride there all the time, but have to hide and feel great shame poaching trails after hours and in the dark. Night riding is a real thing and should be allowed. Look at Palmer woods as an example of one way riding specific days of the week. That reduces conflict oh so gently!

All for multiple use, but would like to see other user groups represented. Appears to be mountain bikers driving this one.

XC skiing in the meadows is spoiled constantly by people walking on the groomed trails.

Let's make this happen.

Keep building great trails

Would like to see more detail and info for the public on this. First time I heard of it.

Please have the map clickable to enlarge. Topographic lines (contour lines) would be a good thing to see.

no

Thank you! We are very excited to have in town Mountain biking options!

Looking forward to Mountain Bike trails at hickory!

Thank you for the thoughtful care and planning put into this. I'm hopeful this can be win-win for all.

I couldn't be more thrilled with how phase 1 turned out, Hickory has become a tremendous community resource that I am beyond excited to see the community use and embrace and I can't wait to see what is to come!

No

mountain bikers should not be on Hickory Meadows walking trails in woods- too narrow to share

Any improvements to allow as many as possible to utilize this beautiful park is welcome! Keep up the amazing work!

Can you add a connection to Barney Rd? It would be great for people on foot or bikes to access the trails from Barney.

I am pleased that the City and the TC/Garfield Rec Commission are cooperating well on managing the properties

Do this again when you can present all the information.

Love what you're doing, and appreciate the beautiful space. Dedicated hiking trails throughout the Hills and future Forest will be much appreciated. Love the recent additions at Meadows.

Thank you for considering space for all users. And love the idea of a sledding hill!

Thanks for continuing to evolve an amazing resource.

As a *very* frequent visitor to the City of Traverse City, I spent quite a bit of time on my mountain bike and on XC skis in the area. I think this plan is a great step forward. I'd love to see a way to work in more advanced stuff on the mountain bike trail but the plan overall is wonderful. Great work everyone!

I'm so excited to see the extra attention to this area as we live right down the road.

Also, love to see more ability to get lessons in the slope for boarding.

Hopefully, this will end up in court for many years, and several city employees will be terminated for helping orchestrate this back room deal.

Biking trails should be separate from other activities. Disc golf and hiking are slow moving, while bikers are fast and dangerous. It seems all activities come to a halt when bikers are riding solo or in groups in areas that are being utilized by others in the park.

Please do your best to push forward as quickly as you can. Too many of these initiatives take FAR too long to execute. Push, push, push until it's done! Anyone who opposes the expansion of recreational opportunities like this in the area SHOULD MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE!

Nope

Great work so far and thanks for getting this survey out

Love the area and all of the work that has gone into the disc golf course. I'm so happy to be a part of that community.

Aloft has done an amazing job redesigning the disc golf course

Don't disrupt the disc golf with mountain biking trails

People from all over the state come to Traverse City to disc golf at Hickory Hills. Plus having several tournaments each year, will be problem days between the two recreational activities.

Disc golf is growing and a great outdoor activity. Take into consideration the everyone in your decisions

I have been recreating at Hickory my whole life and I am really looking forward to/hoping that I can mountain bike soon there especially since I'm opening a business right down the road and I can ride from work to the trail system.

Thank you for the improvements to Hickory over the years. Mountain biking at Hickory would be AMAZING and I believe it would be an incentive for more people to partake in all the magic Hickory has to offer!

I don't currently use this space. I live in Garfield and thought it was just for skiing and weddings. I would definitely use the mountain bike trails and hiking trails. I would prefer if the mountain bike trails were separate from the hiking trails.

I'm an avid mountain biker and disc golfer in Leelanau. I play disc golf at Hickory regularly sometimes 3 whole days a week. I also mountain bike avidly-sometimes 3 whole days a week. There is only ONE decent trail system around for mountain bikers-Palmer woods. The rest of the local trails are extremely beginner level-not worth going to. The disc golf scene locally is great. Most mountain bikers have spent thousands if not 10-20k plus on mountain bikes and we have one trail. It's awesome but gets old as would one disc golf course, but we have many. I like the length of intermediate trails but everyone that I know that mtn bikes except beginners want more advanced trails. The beginners won't take long to want them as well, my fiancé included. Please put as much intermediate and advanced trail at Hickory as possible!

Park is fantastic the way it is! Love all the improvements. Keep up the good work.

Can't wait.

Hickory Meadows is part of my bike commute to work from the parking lot on 72.

I'm all for it. Let's find a way to make it so both biking/hiking AND disc golf can use the space. The disc golfers have gone through many many changes of our beloved hickory hills course and I can imagine many would be upset to see the layout changed again. Especially if it's for biking, which the city really seems to favor over almost anything else. You will most likely see a lot of push back if tee pads or baskets need to be moved or if fairways will be clogged with hikers/bikers.

Disc golf is a growing sport. Many of the new players play at hickory hills. If there were mountain bike trails to play around it would make disc golfers less likely to play. I would love to see a bike trail that had a little distance from the disc golf course. I hope there is a way to have both.

Please make this happen. Please.

Would like to see mountain bike trails with jumps, berms, drops, and wood features.

I would love to see the mountain biking become a part of Hickory Hills; However can't stress enough the importance of keeping it away from disc golfers. The track would obviously cross the course but signs for both parties could help, ie bike/ disc crossing area. It would only take one unfortunate incident to ruin the fun!

Save the trees. Work above has contributed to flooding in Slabtown below

Disc golf has the highest amount of traffic, in the summer. Should have more of benefits from the park.

Parking pass would help.

No doubt that Hickory Hills is a diamond in the rough. And after it's cut and polished the area will be wonderful gem for our area.

Keep up the great work!

I love biking and disc golfing but when they happen in the same vicinity it can be very dangerous

Love the initiative to better utilize this amazing property!

Na

I detest the new DG layouts. They are grueling and lack any of the "fun" holes of the original design.

Please bring back the trash cans - there is no reason to not have them out there

Hopefully the biking trails can be expanded in a way that benefits both activities safely!

Love the energy and effort so far! Thank you for this!!!

No

Can more work be done to keep walkers off the groomed nordic ski trails please...

Hickory Hills is a treasure and it would be nice if these trails connected to trails at Hickory Meadows and trails at the commons. Also, connections to the trail along Bay Street would be appreciated

Hard to assess trails from a tiny map.

Hickory hills is a wonderful destination throughout the year. I'm excited to see what the future looks like at the hill.

I'm frustrated that the city dragged their feet on the accepted second disc golf course at hickory and now the area seems to be promised to bikers. Our disc golf course are clogged enough already while I rarely run into issues on the mountain bike trails around the area.

A dedicated and designed mountain bike trail would be huge for the community!!! I travel hundreds of miles for good riding when we totally have the terrain to make great trails. Just do it already. If you build it they will come.

Thanks

I would like to see some of the disc golf community work with the mountain bike trail community to come up with a safe effective area for them to ride!

Yes please!! Let's make sustainable trails for all levels of abilities.....,

Disc golf has a long history at Hickory Hills. Admittedly, some of those who use the course are not the best in regards to their manners and how they treat the property, but for every 1 immature idiot, there are a dozen upright folks who truly appreciate having such an established and reputable course in our home town. I can't even count how many times I've ran into people from down state, or even out of state, on the course who were in TC purely to play the Hickory Hills course. Just walk onto the course any sunny weekend or evening and you'll find people backed up throughout the course because so many are playing, showing that even with many of the recent changes to the course layout(s), it remains one of the premier Northern Michigan Disc Golf courses. I highly encourage that the existing course, and possible future expansions of disc golf, be considered when rolling out expansions of new activities on the Hickory Hills site.

Doing great work keep it up

A goal should be to preserve natural features especially trees which were decimated in phase 1. Co-existing with the flora and fauna is high on my list.

I love this idea and the area. I really enjoy this type of riding a look forward to watching the growth!

No

No

This plan looks great!

My favorite is Palmer Woods. I'm a beginner biker and I feel safe on their green trails. I also like that they have features that my family can do while I opt out (2 options at each feature).

Public safety measures/enforcement are increasingly important

There's no conflict between hikers and MTBers - many of us do both - but trails should be separate.

There is a need to clarify seasonal uses. The Nordic ski trails should not be used by mountain bikes once the Nordic trails are being groomed for skiing.

Thank you to all who have given extra effort in making the Hickory Hills project/area such a great place to be. Big Kudos.

As we live just on the other side of the golf course, I am eager to have a trail system right in our own back yard. I am also looking forward to utilization of the Kropa land acquisition.

Hickory Hills' two new disc golf layouts were a long-anticipated addition to the property, and a labor of love on the part of many volunteers; while the mountain biking trails would also be a huge asset to the community, I wonder if enough care has been taken to ensure the two recourses can be enjoyed without detracting from one another.

While I do appreciate the need for mountain biking trails, it would be nice to have wider family trails through the woods.

The building of these proposed trails would ruin the beautiful disc golf course that is currently in place and all the hard work that has gone into it.

When it's crowded would be nice to have more benches at overlook areas. Make sure water is available. I'd personally like to have designated fire pit for friends to gather as they wrap up to socialize before heading home.

No

Love this idea! Hickory hills needs some good mountain bike trails!!!

Thank you for this

<https://www.redbull.com/se-en/tbar-lifts-and-mtbs>

It's not uncommon in Europe to see Tbar turn midlife, ie go up skiers right of Magna Carta turn and go to top of Swede Hopefully the mt. bike trail can be ridden clockwise and counter clockwise to reduce wear on trail and designated days on which way it can be rode. Example: MWFSun clockwise, TTHSat counterclockwise.

Trails should include lots of side hits aka choosable features on all trails "appropriate with skill level" to make even a beginner trail fun for dad with the kids.

The area is amazing for back country skiing which's is a truly lovely way to experience the hills and woods. I hope there would be allowance for that in the future

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input! Looking forward to this!

This would be an awesome opportunity to draw bikers from the cross country mountain biking crowd into traverse city. If it is well publicized, it could become a staple in our biking-tourism industry.

We love "Hick" and are happy to see it being made even better!

In this vein, a bathroom that is available to use throughout most of the day would be a great asset.

Designated mountain bike trails that are planned to compliment other trail uses would be a tremendous community resource for recreation, health & wellbeing, as well as economic benefits.

Where can detailed plans be accessed??

Most of my biking is my daily commute across town to work, year round. After work, I have a daily walking route that includes Hickory Meadows. While the bike/walker conflict in the Meadows area there is low, what I have observed is that the bikes are tough on the trails. They tear up the terrain at a rate far exceeding the foot-traffic effect. I am old enough to recall Walt Kelly's "Pogo" comic strip and its most famous line about the environment, "We have met the enemy and he is us." I think of Pogo every time I see new trail scars from bikes. This is an observation, not an accusation. I'm on a bike almost every day and understand the pleasures others find in one of humanity's most remarkable inventions. In fact, as soon as I can find a mentor to show me the basics of mountain or trail biking, I'd like to try it. But it is important to bear in mind the way bike tires affect the terrain in designing a system.

None at this time till a newer revised version of the map and trail system comes out.

Have you thought about fat tire bikes in the winter?

Also, I saw the trails are marked off limits in winter except for skiers. Would love to hike ...

The mountain bike community refuses to police itself, and is constantly digging, building jumps, creating new trails, and using trails at high speeds causing dangerous conditions for other users. Until you can adequately address these issues, and see change elsewhere, I would encourage you to not invite mountain bikes into an already over-used area like Hickory Hills.

Please please keep up with the disc course. It is a beautiful asset to our City.

If Mountain bike trail features are spread all around the area instead of concentrated sections. It will make the area more versatile in terms of the design of future race courses.

I'm all for encouraging our young people to be active. There are a number of alternative areas for us quieter softer users

I am stoked

I'd like to see a more equal mix of advanced/intermediate riding trails.

I think it is important that we consider the wild life and the plants that are growing in Hickory and there is thought and action in place for the livelihood of both

Love the expanded mtn biking trails! The terrain is perfect and hoping it all works together with disc golf , hiking and ski trails

I have not ridden Hickory since the expansion, because i have a young child who is not quite riding developed trails yet. I look forward to riding the new train system with him soon!

No

No

Keep up the great work! I was born and raised within 1/4 mile of hickory and I can't tell you how great it feels to know my children will get to use it as much or more than I did. Such a gem!!!

Has enough thought gone into access to Hickory Hills for all users? Is everyone going to drive a car to get there. One suggestion would be to offer a designated bike lane on Randolph.

Nothing other than I'm excited for the improvements! I love Hickory Hills and that it's right in town!!

please make sure signage addresses off leash dogs which are a huge problem at HH, and makes clear the rules of priority and etiquette... I hope that shared use trails are minimized, ie mtb trails are mtb only.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this plan! Looking forward to seeing what comes out of it.

No.

No

Fat biking trails are a must. This would bring more ticket sales and riders to the area. Both local and travelers. Not to mention Norte cycling teams wanting to compete throughout the winter season.

Better get the camping people out of commons (in excess of 100) before they burn down all the woods and buildings and gardens as your first priority.

Utilizing the elevation of hickory hills could to allow for prolonged downhill flow trails/sections rather than slow, flat, featureless trails that our region is used to. Even Palmer woods is far too easy for many of the riders in our area, hence why the downhill trails at the State Hospital Grounds have been so popular for 20+ years and why Boyne Highlands has been exploding with new downhill activity for the past few years.

We need this. TC needs more trails. Look at what it has done to MQT, this trail system is a gold mine

I am grateful these are being built and the property is being more fully utilized. It is a luxury for this to be so close to town!

I know that there's always limitations and it's tough to keep everyone happy but if you could get closer to 10 miles of trail that would be great.

Let's build some trails!

No...very excited about the plans and improvements, since we use Hickory Hills/Meadows quite a lot, particularly in the winter...all the best!!

Hopefully the new mapping process goes hand-in-hand with the Meadows wayfinding project for consistent signage! dogs off leash and dog poop on the trails are major issues at hickory. we haven't hiked there outside of disc golfing in a long time because of this. something has to be done to control this issue

Thanks for doing this!

no thank you

So happy you are finally doing this!

Please don't add mountain bike trails. I use these trails almost daily. This is a quiet natural area where people can leisurely commune with nature, not for thrill seeking. I'm all for expanding the hiking trail system, but would prefer that any future trail development be oriented toward preserving the peace and stillness of the area. Our lives are overfilled with opportunities for speed, noise and excitement. The number of places for quiet and stillness are in perpetual decline. Thanks.

Kroupa was my neighbor for many years and his thoughts and standards where there were no bike trails allowed which causes too much erosion I am his neighbor I have seen it and some of the disc golf has already created erosion on some of the hills. Keep the woods the way they are foot traffic only, hiking only. You don't understand that rain and constant biking on tails create washouts I live back here behind hickory and have seen it. The whole habitat will change. Not in a good way.

The potential connection to the future Hickory Forest property are concerning. It will be important to work with the Rec Authority to make sure that any trail linkages between the two properties are done intentionally, and support the same trail uses on each property (bike trails on one property shouldn't link to hiking-only trails on the other property). Cooperation will be key to either link or separate trails on the two properties, as appropriate.

We LOVE, and frequent, Hickory Hills year round. This will be a great addition!

The trail system at HH and HM is a huge asset to the Traverse City Area and GT County as a whole. My family uses the trail system 5 days a week for some sort of activity. I love the new trail you added off HM that winds through the woods. Thank you for the effort you put forth to make this area special.

What is being done with the old lodge? It is an eye sore. Clean this up first.

I have been mountain biking there since mid 1980s. Having a pro-designed and built trail system would be fantastic! Erosion would be controlled and interactions with disc golf would be minimized. I just hope it will remain a public parkland open 24/7 without a pay to play requirement. Snowshoeing, hiking, and cycling should be available to the public on city park land free of charge 24/7/365 as it always has been in the past.

Highly support for myself, husband and 2 kids. We are annual pass holders at Hickory.

You won't like this comment but this plan and that of the skiing development plan that included the removal of many trees does not preserve hickory but merely and solely exploits hickory. It is what it is.

Trail planning should consider the trails on the adjacent Hickory Meadows property. The presented map only shows Hickory Hills. All users regardless of hiking or biking consider this as one large recreation area so planning should consider how the trails flow together. Particularly in the NE corner of the property there should be opportunities to link to existing trails to enhance the trail plan, including planning for access from the trailhead on M-72 which would add a more easily accessible parking area for many potential users from outside the city.

I coach with Norte and take the kids in the program to Hickory Hills frequently. Properly signed access to the parkland, with clear rules is a must. When pedaling to the park now, access is either from an unmarked residential driveway on Wayne Street or a small gate along Randolph. Encourage people to ride to the park, not drive there!

Disc golf is under represented on this survey. This activity is one of the most popular recreation events at the park and we have a world class course. It should be a more primary focus. Younger users or disc golf visitors may be under represented on this survey.

I look forward to seeing a more inclusive map.

My whole family will use the trails in the summer and winter. I wonder if any special consideration is given to fat bike trails in the winter?

No

What a great addition to the wonderful place of Hickory that i have been enjoying since i was a kid. my company has also been a donor to Hickory Hills (Strata Design)

It was hard to see/understand the map but I think it looks good. Looks like it's in the area of disc golf. Hopefully not interfering with that group of users.

I'll follow the development of the plan with interest.

The rec authority needs to just ban pets from all its properties. Garfield township to should do the same. Traverse City is a lost cause because they are in love with their dogs being off leash ... among other things.

Lets do this!

This is so wonderful!

N/a

Mountain biking and hiking do not mix well together. There is too much opportunity for accidents to occur.

This is the exciting.

It would be helpful if the conceptual map included the disc golf course and current hiking trails.

I am not supportive of tearing up Hickory Hills for mountain biking. That is the purpose of the Vasa.

I need to see map with overlay of walking, disc golf and biking. It looks to dense for activities and peacefulness. So many people w1lk here I know biking is popular. The disc golf has trampled so much understory of plants in the woods. I'm worried the area is going to be overused.

I wish the feedback meeting would have been advertised more than the day of the meeting. I have been to slabtown meeting in the last few weeks and nothing mentioned. Nor on slabtown fb page. I would like to have been a part of discussion

I'm concerned as Hickory Hills grows it continues to encroach on its private land owning neighbors. Be it chasing after an errant Frisbee (I have a box of 44 unclaimed Frisbees this year, so you can only imagine how many come over and are reclaimed by a trespasser), looking for an off country skiing experience, or trying to develop rogue mountain bike trails there are many park users regularly trespassing onto private property. I am not against additional expansion. I love the usage of Hickory Hills. But, this mountain bike expansion should also include clear signage notifying users of property limits and proper neighborly behavior.

The longer the trails the better. Do it professionally like Palmer Woods!

Keep improving the disc golf course as well

Bike trails should reverse traffic direction certain days of the week like they do down at DTE trails in metro detroit. Bike trails should be designed with this in mind. It will help with erosion. Another bonus is you get 2 trails in 1! Also need some jumps and drops (features) on all these trails to keep things interesting!!!

Don't destroy an amazing disc golf course with bike trails. There will be conflicts. .

The mountain biking industry has done a great job lobbying State government for grants. And they have succeeded in expanding their trail opportunities around the State significantly. However, this is a sport that appeals to people under the age of 40, after that, the risk of injury becomes increasingly dangerous, and by the age of 60, very few people can participate. Therefore, from the viewpoint of public planning, it is a fad. (Also, the gear is not cheap.)

I'm sorry to see that Hickory Hills and the Commons will fall victim to the trend. Several of these trails have been developed in nearby communities and they were used heavily for a short while, and then usage dropped off to a simmer. There are a lot more truly inclusive developments for which this precious land could have been used.

Hickory Hills is a very important part of our heritage

Love the progress being made and appreciate everyone's efforts, especially the volunteers. I know the goal is to be as inclusive as possible and please everybody, but segregating trail use by activity can limit usage for the majority just to appease the minority and be more logistically complicated and likely more expensive; you will also have to navigate policing and accountability. I've lived in UT, OR, and CA and have mt. biked, hiked, and trail ran all over the western states and have never seen a trail system segregated by activity. I have seen single use days and mixed use days but on the same trail system, this gave people who wished to enjoy that trail the option to do it mixed use or not. Maybe consider something like that rather than make trails specific to activity; I think you will find you get way more fun and challenging trails this way and more efficient in the building and planning and maybe even cost.

Would love to see some intentional biking infrastructure happen there! Some awesome flowy trails - lots of berms and rollers. And ideally a pump track, and some fun little obstacles/challenge elements near the lot for people to play around on!

Could the hiking/biking trails also be snowshoe trails?

No

appreciate increasing access to this gem of a resource!

Please connect to Hickory Meadows. That will enhance experience for all involved. Please consider access to the trails that is Bikable walkable from town. It is my hope that people do not feel they need to drive there and park to experience this park

I'll be looking forward to biking the trails regularly!

Many mountain bikers may be considerate and appropriate but unfortunately many are not. I have experienced running into them, having to hurry out of their way since they are off their own trails and ruining even more area with their inconsiderateness. Bummer sorry, don't like. Thanks for hearing me altho I feel unheard and no one will abide my or others like me wishes.

Please, please do not construct mtn biking trails within Hickory Meadows or Hickory Forest. Leave these areas for quiet activities like hiking, snowshoeing, contemplation and observation.

I understand and agree with most things promoting outdoor activities. But there are plenty of ways to go about a new Mtn biking trail without impeding on things that have the same benefit for the last 2 decades there.

A spirit of free exploration is important to maintain for everybody. I suppose I worry about such rigid uses when safe consideration can be used instead. Thanks for doing this btw. It's a great spot and I know you're doing your best! Rock on.

Bringing quality mountain biking to Hickory will be a great addition, and be good for everyone from local businesses and residents alike.

Not sure there is a benefit to the area by adding mountain bike trails.

More advanced trails

Hickory Hills property is a great asset to the Traverse City area. Wonderful recreation right in town!!

As stated, Hickory Hills is a unique parcel of land that should remain in perpetuity for generations to come. Please PROTECT IT!!! and disallow sporting activities (like mountain biking) to take place on the property. They damage the trails, and the riders have to respect for others on the trail, causing risk of bodily harm to non-bikers.

I remain confident that level heads will prevail, and that an ideal, mixed-use plan will be implemented.

Thank you for allowing public input!

Can't wait for more multiple use trails.

I would like to finish the connection to the commons.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

It's a wonderful resource within the city - pretty amazing actually. Love it!

Bathrooms would be great!!!

I strongly support trail development as it encourages exercise. If possible, doing it in a way that minimizes the conflicts between dog walkers, mountain bikers, runners etc. Respect and tolerance for all!

Please please do not create this many trails -- runoff is already a problem below Hickory Hills. Bikes are high erosion.

Thanks for taking the time to gather input and ensure all users are accounted for (hiking, biking, accessible paths etc).

I live on Randolph Street and walk the area at least weekly

Great work and would love to see this project become a reality!

No

Unfortunately and lately, what was once a passive peaceful activity of walking and hiking in the meadows, is now destined for higher impact. Why? As it is, there is now a herd of runners in The Meadows in the early morning where you have to literally step aside and wait for them to pass.

Would use for downhill skiing if there were j-bars or t-chairs

No. I just want it to be safe

We hike from Barney road and sometimes from Bay Meadows Golf course, through the woods on the trails. Love it.

Not sure

No, thanks

What happened to the garbage cans that used to be disbursed throughout the disc golf course?

No

Hickory Hills renovation and update was one of the wisest undertaking's of the City. In an area that is being developed extensively into homes and businesses we can NEVER get recreational green space back. Hickory, TART Trail system and VASA trail system are all important aspects of both residential and tourism aspects of our community. Continuing to improve them is money well spent.

I think if the safety of the public is the most important part of the plan this will work just fine. Having said that it's important to know the mechanics of disc golf so it can be safe for everyone.

I think that it's ok for dome sharing of trails between hikers and mountain bikers. Down hill sections where speed can cause conflicts should be avoided. If a bike trail crosses a disc golf fairway signage should warn bikers of a potential conflict.

The ski hill upgrade was fantastic, stay on that track but leave summer usage as is for now. Look around. Tourism has largely destroyed every nice place in the area if you've been here long enough to see. Winter residents are who you should cater to.

Having resources for people with limitations to enjoy is vital as well to encourage them to engage in activities alone or with your family and friends. Making sure that there's assessable handicap parking available is essential as well and that the facilities are up to code with what is recommended for adaptations in buildings. It will be a wonderful resource thank you

Please do your best to accommodate all users, and think about how safe connections can be made to link to multi-use trails (walkers and bikers) in Hickory Meadows and future Hickory Forest.

I do not use HICKORYHILLS as I do not have a need but think is a needed area for those who do

Thank you

Need another frof course. Way too busy on the trails sometimes!

N/A

No

It would be great to add in conservation education.

Also, a safe, non-motorized route is needed to get to and from Hickory Hills and Hickory Meadows. I think part of the goal should be to get people to access this area safely without a car.

Thank you for all this great work!

I use the site 4/5 times a week and just see it being challenging at a minimum worse hikers and disc golfers getting injured.

love the Hick!!! Glad you're seeking our inputs.

Map lacks context for me to be able to offer useful comment. Does this represent the hills only or include the meadows?

No

mountain bikes are big contributors to erosion. Just like the poor redesign of the disc golf course caused massive erosion and the parking lot is poorly designed and dumps huge amounts of contaminated run off water onto Hickory Meadows and into the Boardman water system.

Please don't mix fat tire bike trails and ski trails!

Yeah!

Let us know when and how we can help. A work bee or ad hoc invasive removal.

Leashed dog areas are a necessity in TC. There is also a great need for open run areas for dogs off leash in and around TC. There needs to be access for BOTH to ensure the well being of all kinds of dogs and owners. I propose a couple hours of each day that would be dedicated to off leash dogs like they do in NY parks. With times being separate, it fits the needs of more people and their dogs. That would go a long way to ease tensions between on leashed needs and off leash needs of dog owners.

Thank you for bringing more outdoor activities to the area!

I am super excited that mountain bike trails are being considered.

I'm excited to see more trail development in hickory hills, and visiting more there than I have in the past.

Please keep bikes off hiking trails.

Thanks for asking for feedback! I've lived on Wayne St. for 33 years, and I appreciate everything the city is doing to promote the public accessibility of this space. I am pro public use, no matter how it's used.

Thank you!!!!

What is the advantage of having mountain biking at hickory?

No

So glad this is happening!

Get rid of the tow rope, upgrade to poma lift, or J-bar

I love the plans to optimize Hickory Hills for multi purpose, 4 season use!

I appreciate all of the work the HH staff and board do. I'd like to volunteer.

Need to find a way for grandparents to view the ski races!

I live on Randolph Street near the intersection with Madison. Traffic has increased greatly with the growth of Hickory activities and remodeling of facilities.

Randolph Street is the primary access for all activities at Hickory.

I would like to see a second access point, with adequate parking, developed for the western side of the Hickory Woods/Meadows/Ski Area.

It might be best to start with a pilot project in one corner of the park to identify pro and cons in an actual implementation. Then build the rest, using the knowledge and experience gained from the pilot.

No

Keep trees! Make sure you plan "leave no trace" rules. Erosion Controls. Are pets permitted? Do not mix use trails with walkers and bikers please!!

Hiking only.

Disc golf is nice.

Please do not add mountain biking.

Can't it just remain as it is?

how does the planning process address the 'side trails' made by bikers and hikers?

What will be the hours of the park? Will night skiing, hiking, and frisbee golf be allowed?

Will we need to pay for a pass to use the trail system? If so, will city residents receive a discount?

The building is a lovely place and wish we could rent it for various events during the spring, summer and fall.

I checked into it and it was \$2000! A bit much for a small neighbors meeting.

I guess they are going for the big wedding venue prices.

We love HH and the people we run into. Many walk dogs unleashed with no problems. If this will ever be enforced please consider days/times where unleashed dogs would be allowed

No

This is a long time coming. Thank you

Will tart and. NMBA groom these trails for x country skiing and fat bike riding in winter?

We would love to see mountain biking trails added! Clearly marked trails would be helpful as well! discs flying overhead while hiking gets a bit confusing!

Thank you for your efforts to make Hickory Hills better used & enjoyed. It's such a valuable local treasure!

No

Nope

I think building this area to allow for walkers in the winter would be amazing! Right now I feel like I'm in the way just trying to take a winter walk.

What is going to happen with the old lodge and red pole barn? That area needs to be cleaned up and all of the junk outside removed including the galvanized trailer that was once a ski/snowboard rental room.

Clean up the outdoor areas on the property!

We love hickory because it's family and dog friendly, we hope it continues to be!

No

Congrats on your timely work .. it will be a wonderful recreational asset to the area!

Hickory Hills needs rest rooms that are open in winter and summer for all daylight hours. Dog walkers need a designated area. They abuse Hickory Meadows with many, many dogs off leash, people not cleaning up after their dogs, people cleaning up and then leaving the waste bags on the trail. In the winter, dog walkers ruin the Nordic ski trails immediately. Could we give them separate trails?

No.

Na

Love this idea. My family and I would use the bike trails often.

I support the nordic ski trails with potential expansion, particularly to be able to hold middle and high school competitions.

Thanks for all the hard work on this.

Looking forward to the development/improvement of any and all trails at Hickory!

we are getting like the county, trails, parks all over, spread out, they are becoming run down, unable to keep up with maintenance.

I think there is already too much manipulation of areas in the area that should be allowed to be natural.

No thanks

I love hickory and I want future generations to MUTUALLY enjoy the grounds. Skiing, biking, hiking, running, disc golfing, etc. just KEEP IT FROM TURNING INTO A DOG PARK WHERE EVERYONE LEAVES THEIR DOG \$*!T!

favor at least some asphalt paved paths for wheelchairs and less stable bikers

This mtb trail network would encourage more people (especially kids) to get out and ride because it is not difficult to access. Traverse City area is overdue in developing greater opportunities for mtb riders... let's do it!

Glad to see more activity and use of this beloved park!

Please don't just make another glacier hills. I don't want to feel like I am riding on a Mighty Mouse roller coaster.

I think this would be a great addition to our community in general and especially

What has been done with Hickory Hills in the past few years is stunning. I grew up learning to snowboard there, hiking, biking and playing disc golf. It is a gem in the community and keep up the stellar work!

Will you please add jumps and features too the mountain biking trails.

We already have one of the best disc golf courses in the country. Don't screw it up. Also, getting hit with a hard plastic disc traveling 50mph while riding a bike would be a bad time.

I believe it is essential to have a separate trails to keep things safe and avoid conflicts. However, it is also important to create a framework for the planners work together now and in the future. For instance, if the disc golf working group wants to make a change that may require a change to the mountain bike trail there needs to be cooperation and some sort of over reaching authority to resolve conflicts.

Don't do it. Propose a new layout that won't interfere with the current disc golf layout.

If this plan does move forward, I would be concerned over the interactions in the shared space--which is most of the proposed biking trail. How can we indicate to each other that the trail/course is in use? With golfers out almost all day, every day--do we know how often/what peak hours might be for bikers? I suppose that's what this survey is trying to discover...

Keep the mountain bikers off the disc golf course and the hiking trails!!!

Use seasons for activity separation. No bikes on alpine hills or nordic trails in the winter! Use nordic trails for hiking and as part of disc golf course in warm months. Separate hikers from bikers in warm seasons....

Location is so favorable to many as to encourage exercise and connecting with nature. Thanks to the people who made this area possible.

I'm 40 years old and work in the city. I fully support the protection and expansion of disc golf at Hickory Hills.

I live in the neighborhood and would love to see a sidewalk extend down Randolph toward Hickory Hills.

With increased trail use numbers, enforcement of leash laws will be important. It is sometimes difficult or even impossible to utilize the hiking trails due to the inner of unleashed dogs running around.

no i don't

The survey seems incomplete and short sighted. I want to support the project but there needs to be clarification.

First time at Hickory Hills 1976

Cross country skiing. Have

Played disc golf there since 1999. Course is always changing. Seems like the disc golf community has always had to deal with every change, several not with the best interest in the environment some and for disc golf. When will they be allowed into the Meadows? Seems like it could easily accommodate a course. Why be so stingy with the asset.

No

Would support trails for hiking and biking that don't overlap disc golf and allow for further expansion of disc golf courses.

I have been skiing, hiking, and playing disc golf, at hickory hills since 1989. There is room for everyone here. How lucky are we to live in traverse City?

I love what is going on with Hickory :) Thanks for all you do!

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