

DYS PROPERTY

Challenges and Opportunities

IMMEDIATE GOALS

- Come up with a new name for the property through public input
- Come up with a mission statement for the project
- Host public Town Hall meetings for input
- Bring on a grant writer to start applying for grants
- Demolish 3 small termite infested buildings to open a new trail
- Clear a new trail and connect the upper section to Cosby Lake
- Secure buildings that are salvageable
- Finish construction of trail head South of OSR bridge
- Inquire about bathroom buildings

LONG-TERM GOALS

- Build a center we can cherish for posterity
- Demolish unusable structures
- Renovate usable structures
- Implement a large trail system throughout the property
- Install trail markers and signage
- Tame the overgrowth that is engulfing the property
- Decide whether we want to work toward universally accessible trails
- Negotiate a purchase the property from the state
- Negotiate purchases from surrounding property owners to expand further

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUGGESTIONS

- Wedding Chapel
- Recreational Building
- GYM
- Covered Basketball Courts
- Restrooms
- Snack Bar
- Solar Power
- Veteran's Memorial
- Event Center
- Amphitheatre
- Public Works Building
- Pavillion
- Nature Center
- DYS Memorial
- CommunityCenter

CURRENT COMMUNITY OUTDOOR SUGGESTIONS

- Multi-use Trails
- Hiking Trails
- Casual Walking Trails
- Paved Trails
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Equestrian Trails
- UTV/Motorcycle Trails
- Wheelchair Accessible Areas
- Path Benches
- Sensory Gardens
- Rain Gardens
- Veggie Gardens
- Community Gardens
- Water Gardens
- Butterfly Gardens
- Dog Park
- Farmer's Market
- Picnic Areas

BENEFITS

- Owned Equipment
- Financial Position
- Diverse Community Knowledge
- Current Grants
- Availability of Additional Funding Opportunities
- Forestry Commission Programs
- State Wildlife Action Plan
- Asphalt Milling Pile
- Trailhead Mostly Cut In

HURDLES

- Financial Costs
- Tornado Damage
- Maintenance Neglect
- Number of City Employees
- Project Size
- Leased property
- Security
- Safety

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- RTP Grants
- NRPA Grants
- ADECA Grants
- LWCF Grants
- Alabama Tourism Department Grants
- CWSRF Grants

SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

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