

An ad hoc meeting took place in the Cabin on February 7, outlining next steps in overall single track development planning and the inclusion of accessibility in this process.

Present:

John, Eric, Andy, Wayne, Helen

Main points addressed:

Our single track network will benefit from future trail design that better connects existing loops and also integrates accessibility as a priority, resulting in a diverse mix of riding experience options with better flow.

We have a process for trail approval/development that is not being followed. A clear plan can encourage a more coordinated and coherent trail network development.

This plan should include the acreage north of Billings Road (200ish acres which will require an Act 250 permit) and the Shepard's Land.

This plan will be informed by:

- the Town Forest Recreation Plan (2018)
 - Single Track Trail Development/Accessibility Project 2026
- the Adaptive Sports Partner's trail plan
 - Hardwick Trails Report.docx

Garnering support to pay trail builders will expedite this vision.

Potential of the Buffalo Mountain land and Atkins field (possible skills course location).

There are a number of organizations that can potentially help refine and support this locally developed plan:

- Adaptive Sports Partners (and their network of collaborators)
- Velomont
- Kelly Brush Foundation
- Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative
<https://fpr.vermont.gov/VOREC>
- Vermont Trail Accessibility Hub
<https://vermonttgc.org/trail-accessibility-hub/who-we-are/>
- Vermont Mountain Bike Assoc.
<https://www.americantrails.org/organizations/vermont-mountain-bike-association>
- Dr. Pinard (Helen's optometrist (:)
- Emma Buckley (ardent advocate and Vermont connections)
- Holly Fowler - Outdoor Recreation Dev. as Economic Driver

Research into Vermont based adaptive trails development to inform our efforts would be beneficial:

- Richmond's The Driving Range:
<https://www.richmondmountaintrails.org/the-driving-range>
- Kingdom Trails Experience (including skill park development)
- Wolcott Town Forest
- Cady Hill, Stowe

We need to clarify our goal for our trails development! What are we trying to accomplish?

Emma Buckley's resources/ideas:

How to build adaptive trails youtube resource:

<https://www.pinkbike.com/news/how-to-build-adaptive-trails-new-3-part-youtube-series.html>

Hardwick Trails could sponsor a premiere of "The Best Day Ever" Movie as public education and to rallying support:

<https://www.bestdayever.mov/>

<https://vimff.org/show/vimff-2026-online-film-pass/?v=0b3b97fa6688>

NEXT STEPS: (need to develop timeline)

Create New Master Trails Plan:

Point Person(s)

Secure trail & adjacent property maps for enlargement at SPARK

Eric & Andy

Biker/trails team to review maps & locate new trails, with accessibility consideration, and other amenities.

John, Eric, Dave, Andy
Steve

Enlist help to itemize workplan/cost of expansion/adapting

Develop & implement fundraising plan

Research/expand network:

Meet with Kelly & Kerry from Adaptive Sports Partners (summer Programming & this new trail effort)

John & Helen

Meet with Kelly Brush folks - introduce our work, explore potential Film premiere, ID resources

Helen & John

Velomont

Andy

Holly Fowler (coord. National Outdoor rec/econ. Dev. project)

Helen

Spring site visit to Richmond

Helen to schedule,
anyone to join in

Wolcott Experience? Kingdom Trails? Cady Hill