

Hello All,

Here is the clarification on the process followed along with an updated map as per your request. I have an updated map and some notes on the process. I took the bullet points from the management plan and then explained how we used these guidelines. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Updated Map:

Please understand that this is mapped with GPS points and then I drew in the trail using those coordinates. The black dotted line is the proposed trail and you will see that the trail uses the dirt road up to the log landing and then goes into the woods just after the log landing heading west.



Clarification on Process:

Below are the bullet points from the ACF management Plan. We as a committee followed this plan and I have documented with specifics below each bullet point where needed. All of my clarification and additions are in italicized print. The one addendum is that we did have to modify the lower part of the trail from the original concept map. I give some more detail below.

- The hired professional trail designer will flag a route that, to the best of their ability, follows the route appearing in the approved Trail Concept Map.

This has been done and waiting to sign the contract so the builder can begin. The ACF sent out a RFP and received 3 bids.

- Arrowwood, or another professional ecologist, will walk the flagged route and a 50 foot buffer on either side to determine whether there are any fine-scale features (rare, threatened, or endangered species) that would be adversely impacted by trail development in that particular location. If there are, Arrowwood (or another professional ecologist) will propose a suitable re-route.

Completed via email with the ecologist.

Allaire Diamond <Allaire@vlt.org> Fri, Oct 11, 2019 at 1:45 PM To: Tyler Merritt <tyler@allmntngroup.com> Cc: Jim Monahan <jimmonahan@gmail.com>, Geoffrey Urbanik <gurbanik@gmail.com>

Hi Tyler, great to get out with you too! You can consider this email my signoff that I don't have any major concerns about the trail route we walked. The one area we discussed keeping in mind was taking steps to prevent erosion from the ridge area as soils are very thin, and keeping the trail concentrated there to avoid spreading impact across the ridge. There are excellent educational and recreational opportunities here too and I'm happy to talk further about those. Enjoy the afternoon! Allaire

Addendum:

We did have to modify the trail from the original design by Arrowhead (SE Group) on the lower section of the trail that is west of dirt access road. The original trail concept map was flagged due to contour lines and had not been previously walked and when we walked the proposed trail realized it was too wet for trail construction.

- Once a trail is “cleared” for installation by a consulting ecologist, Committee members will work with the Richmond Trails Committee, Richmond Mountain

Trails, or a hired trail-builder to install trails which meet standards and designed agreed upon by the Committee.

Thanks

Jim Monahan