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Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Michael McFarlane; Doug Coutts; 'Steve Marx'; 'Hank Nydam'; Brian Adams; 'Brian Wood'
Subject: RE: Property Line buffers

Hey Doug,

I concur with everyone else who replied. For the Land Trust it's a case by case basis, taking into account the characteristics of the property, and neighboring properties and landowners.

Good luck!

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Doug,

We do not. If purchasing an easement, we'll negotiate if a landowner requires a buffer as part of the sale. In most instances we try to avoid buffers and fencing on our easements and parks. Each situation is different and we don't have a one size fits all. The adjoining property owner is always able to plant a buffer or fence on their property.

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Good morning,

At a recent trails open house we had a suggestion that we institute a specific distance from property lines bordering private property, that we keep as a buffer on our property to keep trails away from private property. Do any of you have a specific number of feet that you keep as a buffer on public property regarding the development of trails? If so, what is that number?

Regards,

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