



Memo

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Coutts, Director
Date: 11/16/2018
Re: Trails Open House

On November 6, Mark, Dennis, Tom and I attended the Trails Open House and met with Community members to gather feedback on the trail plan, the proposed trails, and sample barriers. The event was well attended and the feedback gathered is in your board packet. Some neighboring property owners suggested including a specific distance as a buffer between trails and private property lines. I did look at the suggested buffers we received from the neighbors around Trustland Trails. I went online and did some GIS measurements of the Trustland Property and developed an estimate of the acreage that would be taken out of availability for trails if these suggested buffers were implemented.

- Trustland trails property is 200 acres
- If we implemented a 100' buffer from all external property lines it would result in about 32.6 acres of property being eliminated from potential trail construction. On the portion of the property below SR 525, this amounts to about 24.9 acres. This is approximately 16% of the total property at Trustland trails.
- If we implemented a 200' buffer from all external property lines it would result in about 63 acres of property being eliminated from potential trail construction. On the portion of the property below SR 525, this amounts to about 49.4 acres. This is approximately 31% of the total property at Trustland Trails.

Additionally, I reached out to other jurisdictions regarding their properties and a buffer. The email responses are included in your board packet.

Please closely review the community feedback to help you in making a decision as to moving forward with, or making changes to the plan or any of the proposed trails. These will be decision items on Tuesday at the board meeting.