

Trail Plan Summary

RM of Piney Trails Plan Overview:

The RM of Piney Non-Motorized Trail Plan will formalize Piney's vision for a world-class trail system that will enhance resident quality of life, improve access to safe recreation and public land; and spur economic development opportunities for Piney's local communities.

This plan will provide clear guidance for the development of trails within each community and throughout the Municipality. It will accomplish this by identifying trail locations, trail development priorities, and trail construction requirements. The Plan will help the RM secure grants and funding that will help offset the costs associated with the actual development of the trails. The information contained in the trail plan will be influenced by RM of Piney residents and stakeholders and will be gathered throughout the trail plan document development process.

Trail Plan Goals:

- To create accessible and safe walking paths in each community
- To connect the RM of Piney via a series of non-motorized trails
- To ensure that the paths enhance and respect the natural beauty
- To provide recreation and exercise opportunities in each community
- To spur economic development through trail creation

Trail Plan Vision

To create a world-class trail system that will enhance resident quality of life, improve access to recreation and public land; and spur economic development opportunities for Piney's local communities.

Trail Plan Mission

To create a trail plan that will bring RM of Piney residents and stakeholder trails needs to fruition by identifying trails within each community that will create safe, accessible, access to recreation and exercise in a natural, quiet, tranquil setting.

Public Input Summary:

To ensure that the final trails plan reflects the needs of stakeholders and residents, consultation is being conducted to gather input from the stakeholders to determine where, how and when trails should be built. The final plan will reflect the outcomes of the consultation process by summarizing the information gathered throughout the process in a succinct and concise manner.

Public consultation 1:

In this virtual consultation, 35 participants assisted in helping to identify the grand vision of where and how trails would be built. Potential trail locations were identified for a variety of

communities including Sprague, Woodridge, Middlebro, Vassar, South Junction and Sandilands. The discussion included having trails that would eventually link the entire Municipality as well as having trail loops on a smaller geographic area, such as around baseball diamonds/ parks.

Public Survey:

135 people participated in an RM wide survey. Survey responses were received from almost every community within Piney as well as every age group. The survey gathered feedback and input from residents on; trail development priorities, trail development values, and how trails would be used. The survey results indicated that the primary goal of the trail is to provide safe, tranquil, natural places for exercise, walking and natural beauty. Most respondents indicated that the trails would primarily be used for walking and biking. Survey responses overwhelming indicated that individuals thought that trails were important for all communities and that the priority should be placed on developing trails in each community rather than prioritizing one community over another. This would result in a trail plan that will identify short-medium and long-term trail development for some communities with the end goal being the linkage of each community by a series of non-motorized trails.

Public Consultation 2:

In this virtual consultation 11 participants assisted in reviewing the input gathered in the survey and first round of consultation. In addition, this session featured some prioritization of what residents value as the first steps in trail creation. It further reviewed the trail locations and tried to identify which trail should be constructed first in each community. We heard that many communities wanted to start with a walking loop on a smaller geographic footprint and then build that loop into a larger loop around the communities. The overall end goal would be a non-motorized trail system that would connect each community and Whitemouth lake with a series of non-motorized paths.

Results thus far:

The trail routes and locations have been refined and reviewed for each community.

The short-term goal is the creation of an accessible walking loop on a smaller geographic area for each community. This would be the creation of a loop around the park or baseball diamonds.

The medium-term goal is to create a series of trails that will create a larger loop around the entire community. This larger loop will connect with the smaller loop.

The long-term goal is to create non-motorized trails that will eventually connect each community in the entire Municipality.

Input

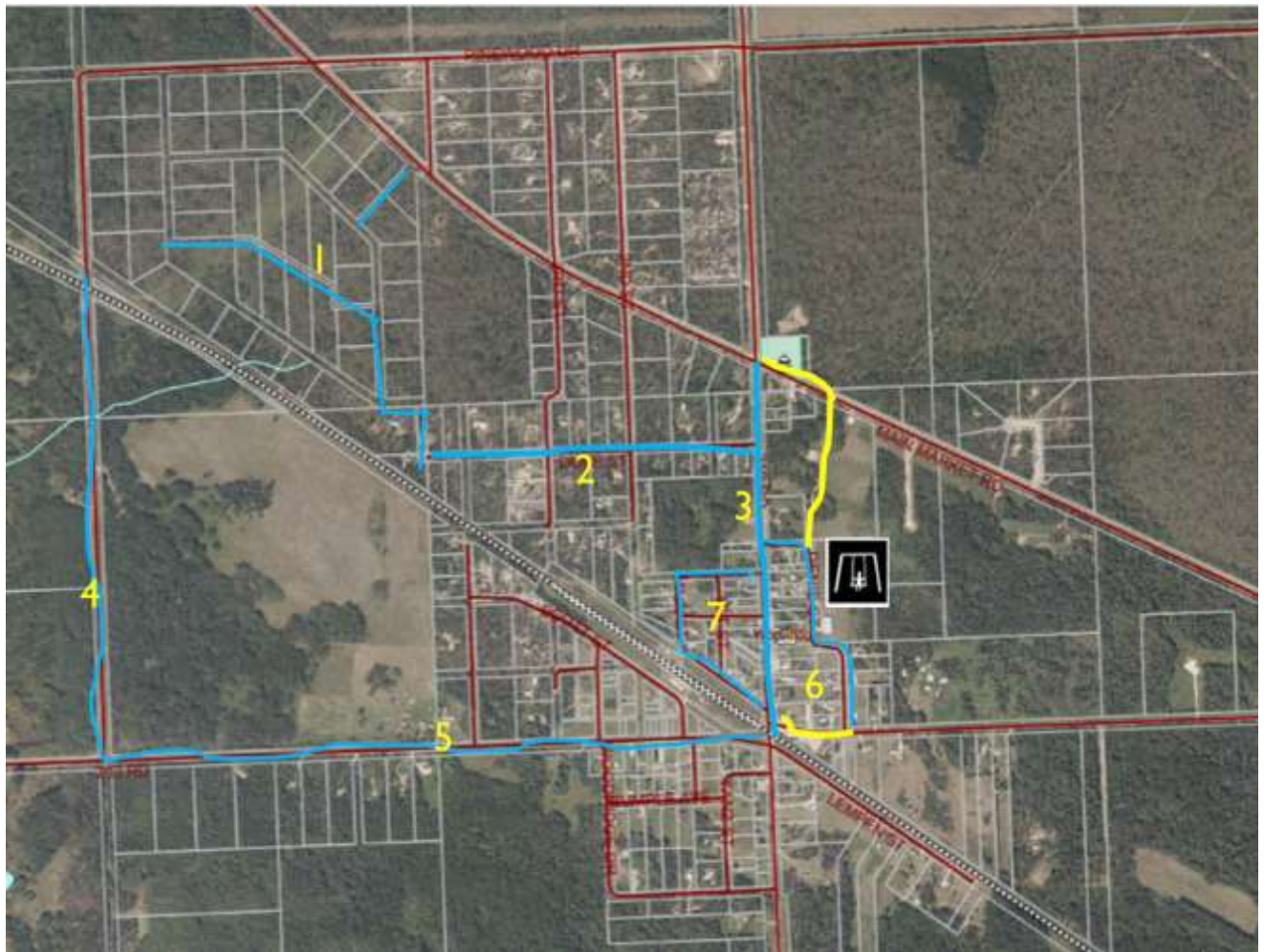
We welcome additional input and discussion on trail location, design, and starting points.

Input should be provided to Allison Driedger of Bluestem Development, via email bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com or phone 204-392-3849

Maps

The maps below show the potential trail locations as have been discussed to date. The trail locations and priority are subject to change based on additional input and feedback. Trail priorities thus far are to create a smaller loop. The smaller loop will then connect to a larger loop. Maps were created for communities where there was an internal road system, significant demand for trails and interest in creating trails at the public consultations. Additional communities can be added based on an identified need and interest.

Map 1: Woodridge



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around Woodridge that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the ball diamonds/ park
- In the future, this smaller loop should then connect into a larger loop around the community

Map 2: Vassar



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around Vassar that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the ball diamonds/ park/ pool
- In the future, this smaller loop should then connect into a larger loop around the community

Map 3: South Junction



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around South Junction that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the ball diamonds/ park/ tennis courts
- In the future, this smaller loop should then connect into a larger loop around the community
- Talk about connecting Co-op to the town
- Desire to have lighting around the trails

Map 4: Middlebro



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around Middlebro that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the park
- In the future, this smaller loop should then connect into a larger loop around the community
- Concerns with trails along public road due to narrow road width

Map 5: Sandilands



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around Sandilands that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the park
- In the future, this smaller loop should then connect into a larger loop around the community this loop should connect the new development with the existing

Map 6: Sprague



Based on the non-motorized trail plan discussion:

- Residents identified a series of trails that they would like to see developed around Sprague that would encourage walking, cycling and other non-motorized method of transportation
- The trail system should start by creating a loop trail around the park
- A second loop was identified by EBCH
- There is a desire to connect EBCH to town
- Trails connecting the school were prioritized
- In the future, the two smaller loop should then connect into a larger path through the community