

Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee, 10/28/2016

DRAFT PURPOSE AND GOALS

Purpose, Vision, and Values

At its first meetings, the Trails Vision Committee discussed its purpose, vision, and values. The Committee developed the following consensus statements:

Purposes

- a) Help the City of Fitchburg – preserve and improve our quality of life by identifying and inventorying the existing walking, hiking and recreational (non-motorized) trails within the City, linkages among them and to points of interest, as well as interconnections between the City and surrounding communities, and recommending potential new trails.
- b) Support the regional trail plan – contributing to the region’s Trails Vision.
- c) Create an initial implementation plan for our Trails Vision – identify basic resource needs, set priorities (short, medium and long term), and suggest a timeline for possible implementation.
- d) By identifying and prioritizing our trails, improve our City’s ability to access public and private funding sources.

Vision

Our vision for Fitchburg’s trails is a safe, sustainable and easy-to-use network of ways that will connect people to each other, to destinations in the City and in surrounding municipalities, and to the unique natural, cultural, and historical points of interest throughout our city.

Values

- a) We believe that sustainable community support for improving the quality of trails in Fitchburg will develop through more complete understanding by the community of its unique and substantial recreational opportunities, as well as its natural, historical, and cultural features.
- b) We believe increased and improved connectedness of our network of trails will provide significantly improved health, recreational, business, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, both for our citizens and for visitors to Fitchburg.
- c) We believe that Fitchburg’s trails should, to the extent feasible, promote accessibility, healthy lifestyles, economic vitality, appreciation of our diverse biohabitat and history, education, and connectivity with each other and the places we want to go.