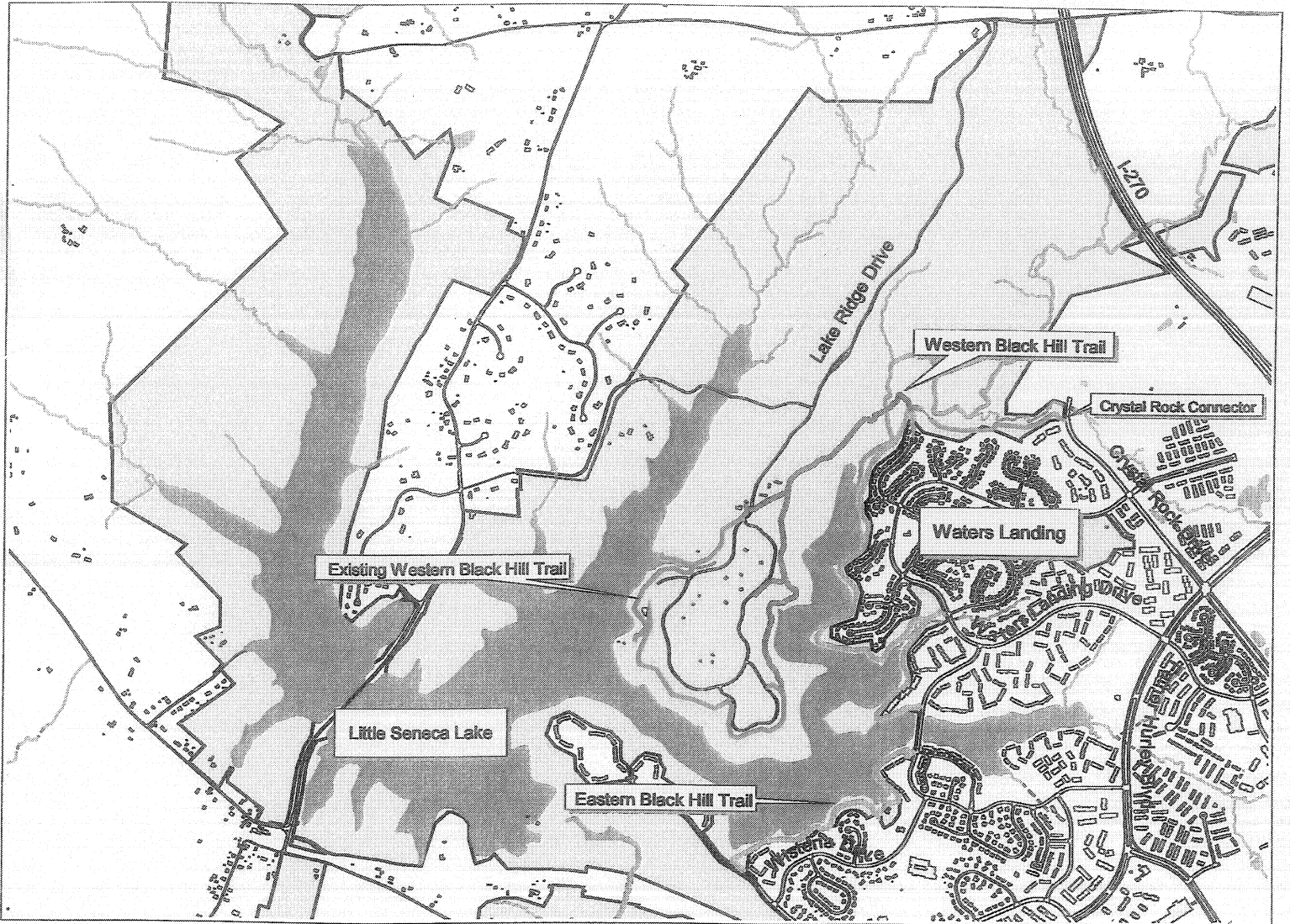


Black Hill Regional Park Trail Plan



Komes, Linda

From: Ralph Caudle [RCaudle@legumnorman.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 4:18 PM
To: Komes, Linda
Subject: Black Hill Regional Park Hard Surface Trail Renovations

Dear Ms. Komes:

I manage the South Shore Harbour Condominium located at 20400-20412 Shore Harbour Drive in Germantown, Maryland which is adjacent to the trail. The Board of Directors of the condominium association asked me to contact you and get more specific information about the renovation (i.e. will the path be widened, etc.). The Board isn't sure if someone will be available to attend the community meeting on the 21st so they were hoping to get information before their Board of Directors meeting on January 15th. Any information you could provide would be appreciated.

Thank-you,
Ralph Caudle

Komes, Linda

From: Komes, Linda
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2003 9:44 AM
To: 'Ralph Caudle'
Subject: RE: Black Hill Regional Park Hard Surface Trail Renovations

Mr. Caudle,

Thanks for your email regarding the proposed renovations to the hard surface trail in Black hill Regional Park. The existing trail was built in the early 1980's by a developer without the proper base and with too thin an asphalt layer; as a result, it has been a maintenance issue for some time.

The trail was also built well before the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines were developed and there are several areas along the trail that are not accessible to the physically challenged. Our goal is to make as much of the trail accessible as possible. Because this is a very sensitive area environmentally, there is at least one area where we may not be able to meet the Guidelines without significant tree clearing, which we do not want to do.

As to trail widening, the trail currently ranges in width from 6'-7'. We would like to widen it, again where possible to 8'. This should be possible without additional tree clearing everywhere except perhaps where the slopes are especially steep. In these areas, our goal once again is to minimize disturbance to the trees so we will need to study these areas very carefully. The bridge is also in pretty bad shape and needs to be repaired.

I am hoping we will have a good turnout for the community meeting and hope to see you and your neighbors there. In the interim, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Linda Komes, ASLA
Project Manager

Komes, Linda

From: EYElight276@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2003 7:27 AM
To: Komes, Linda
Subject: Proposed Renovation Project

I just sent an email to Ali Khan telling why I am against spending money on the Hiker Biker trail. I will forward a copy to you.

Your announcement of the Jan. 21 just arrived telling me to send my input to you instead of Ali Khan. Thanks for your help.

I do not believe I will be able to attend this meeting because I will be out of town but I am sure these proposed renovations can wait until we have a more urgent need for them.

Jean Stone
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Germantown MD 20874

Komes, Linda

From: EYElight276@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 3:37 PM

To: Khan, Ali

Subject: PROPOSED HIKER-BIKER TRAIL AT BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK

Dept. of Park and Planning

I attended the Nov. 20 meeting in Germantown. There were about 5 interested citizens give or take. Your notice of the meeting was mailed Nov. 7 This was not enough time for the citizens to change plans and attend.

The proposed spending of \$900,000 for this project even though years ago it was included in the Master Plan is unbelievable. This project is not something that is vital at this money strapped time.

Our Black Hill Regional Park is a treasure that is one of a kind in our county. The natural beauty of the park is a place to unwind and enjoy. This needs your vision to be sure that our park does not spend money that is not a necessity.

The restrictions of the law have made the cost of making the bike-pike wheelchair friendly far too expensive. In my comments at the meeting I asked how many citizens had requested this proposed change. My question was ignored.

The Post head line stated 11/26/02

MONTGOMERY WEIGHS CUTS, TAX INCREASES

As a taxpayer I strongly beg you not to use this money to change something that does not have the public aware you are thinking of making this huge expenditure.

Thank you for your hard work and vision.

**Jean R. Stone
20402 Shore Harbour Dr. "E"
Germantown MD. 20874**

Komes, Linda

From: Wilma Heflin [wilmahef@erols.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 8:58 AM
To: Komes, Linda
Subject: Black Hill trail

Hi Linda,

Charlie and I thank you for the information you presented at the meeting last night. We look forward to the improved trail and realize it will probably be several years before upgrading work begins.

We feel very privileged to be able to live on the lake and enjoy walking and bike riding on the path as often as the weather permits. The wooden extension is beautiful and has extended the distance we are able to walk each day. It is so nice being able to enjoy all the seasons while we walk and ride.

Let us know if there is any more we can do to support this project. Thank you for keeping us informed. We are sure when we talk with our neighbors they too will be happy to hear of the planned improvements to our path.

Have a great day!

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