

Can the Trails Community Develop Stable Maintenance Funding?

- Data on bike sales for possible tax to fund maintenance.
- I SUPPORT TRAILS sticker.
- Maintenance assessment & design guidelines to allocate funds according to agencies' needs.
- Role for volunteers in maintenance of recreational / soft trails.
- Proposed dedicated portion of sales tax to fund maintenance (Counties).
- Use portion of maintenance funds to allow agency staff to manage / train volunteers.
- Sales of special license plates to fund maintenance.
- Corporate donations / support.
 - Example: Adopt a Trail
- Advocate & adopt minimum maintenance guidelines for riding/hiking trails.
 - Scheduled maintenance program for features (bridges, retaining walls etc.) along trails to justify funding.
- Funding from healthcare industry.
 - Mental & physical health connection toward value of trails & open space.
- GIS inventory & overlays of trails, connections, features etc. to obtain/justify grant funding.
- Long-term funding strategies.
- Hotel transient tax (local).
- Campaign to show TOT increase for trails could support tourism
- Trail community does not have good statistics on use (compare to athletic fields)
- Form group to work on this problem? As part of state conference?
- CTGF might sponsor another meeting to brainstorm this problem
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