

**Lord Hill Regional Park  
Study Group Meeting 9/20/2018  
Gary Weikel Meeting Room  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Purpose:** The Study Group will meet and discuss the Preferred Alternative that has been drafted from the previous Study Group Trail Evaluation exercise and previous input. Participants will get a chance to discuss the proposed Trail Use Plan and review the next steps of the project.

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions – 5 minutes
2. Study Group Review – 20 minutes
  - a. Regional Park Designation
  - b. Master Plan Goals for Planning
  - c. Concerns and Issues from previous meetings
    1. What's been addressed
    2. What's left to address
3. NOVA Grant – 25 minutes
  - a. User Counts – Review 2016 and 2017 estimates
    1. 2019 Physical Trail Counts
      1. Automated (mobile) trail counting units
      2. Trail Count Blitz
        - a. Weekend during Peak Season
        - b. Requires Volunteers
    - b. Traffic Counts
    - c. 127<sup>th</sup> Ave Entrance Drainage and Geotech Study for road repair
    - d. Parking Options
    - e. Critical Area Study and Reconnaissance
4. Break – 10 minutes

5. Proposed Trail Use Plan – 90 minutes

- a. Review Preferred Alternative Map – 20 minutes
- b. Roundtable Discussion about results (based on Trail Evaluation Criteria listed below) – 30 minutes

1. Trail Evaluation Criteria –

1. **Does the trail pose a threat to surface water or other natural features?** If a trail contains steep erosion prone slopes, crosses large wetland areas, or is subject to intermittent stream flow along its length, it will be given a high priority for re-routing or closure. **Was the trail identified by one or more of the user groups as a valuable trail?** If a trail contains interesting features or is particularly liked by or well suited to a specific use it will be given a high priority for preservation and/or enhancement.
2. **Does the trail serve a critical function in the overall trail system?** If a trail is determined to provide a critical link between different areas of the site or provide an essential recreational component, it will be given a high priority for preservation and/or enhancement.
3. **Does the trail offer variety and/or a unique user experience?** If a trail exposes users to a variety of natural features or a special site feature, it will be given a high priority for preservation and/or enhancement. Conversely, if a trail contains limited variety, lacks special features, and/or traverses a wetland or other critical area without adequate infrastructure, it will be given a higher priority for closure.
4. **Would closing the trail expand the size of an internal habitat area?** If eliminating a particular trail or trail segment has the potential to increase the size of a trail free habitat area, it will be given a higher priority for closure.

c. New Trails and Re-routes: Critical Areas and Permitting – 40 minutes

1. Review Proposed Routes for new trails and re-routes
2. Permitting Requirements
3. Confirm areas of Critical Area Studies (for permitting) vs. Critical Area Reconnaissance (for Master Plan Update and future park/trail planning)

6. Break – 10 minutes

7. Trail Naming Exercise – 90 minutes (may conclude early based on how many need to be corrected/re-named)