

SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST
REPORTING FOR CITY TRAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
July 2017

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	NOTES	Staff
1) <u>NEEDS ASSESSMENT</u>	Assess signage, tread, and clipping needs for Cerro Gordo Trailhead connector and trash removal needs for Dog Park Connector. Assess trail conditions and look for construction equipment photographed on Dale Ball Trails / Central.	Rogers
2) <u>RESEARCH & FUNDING</u>	Meet with City Parks and Recreation Dept. regarding future support for Trail Volunteer Coordinator activities, July 7, including proposed "RFP" process.	Rogers /Noss
3) <u>STEWARD RECRUITMENT</u>	Attend Trails Alliance of Santa Fe meeting; confer with volunteers on proposed Trail Work days and locations; schedule and publicize trail work days via e-mail and on SFCT and TAOSF web sites. Continue discussion of potential Boy Scout project to involve troop in city trail work. Communicate with Española-based recruit.	Rogers
4) <u>TRAIL MAINTENANCE</u>	Lead volunteer work day in Dale Ball Trails at Cerro Gordo Trailhead on July 20, including final tread work, trimming, and signage. Lead volunteer work day on "Dog Park Connector" (Phase 1 of 2) to La Tierra Trails, focusing on trash removal, July 25; prepare for follow-up work days at this location and Arbolitos Trail in August.	Rogers
5) <u>TRAINING & EDUCATION</u>	Meet with NM Native Plant Society and other Seed Ball event planning partners, July 7.	Rogers
6) <u>COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROMOTION</u>	Meet with NM Native Plant Society and other Seed Ball event planning partners, July 7. Celebrate service by top city trail volunteer Mike EauClaire who is moving to Arizona, July 18.	Rogers
7) <u>CITY CONTACTS</u>	Meet with City Parks regarding future support for Trail Volunteer Coordinator activities, July 7, including proposed "RFP" process. Meet with BTAC Going for the Gold Subcommittee, request data from City GIS office, complete / edit engineering and summary sections of LAB application, edit / add material to education and encouragement sections. Coordinate trash removal on Dog Park Connector trail with City Parks staff. Provide BTAC members, Mayor and Councillors with planning background and related information on recent Alta Vista St. construction. Discuss proposed vertical trail (BMX) concept with City Parks staff. Present to / attend BTAC, July 19. Discuss issue of construction equipment seen on Dale Ball Trails with City Parks, Land Use, and Enforcement. Meet with City property staff on July 27 on possible future trail and open space easements around Dale Ball Trails (Cerro Gordo and Arroyo Polay), Dorothy Stewart Trail (Forest Trust easements) and the St. Michael's Dr. area (Bruns Army Hospital Rail triangle). Communicate with City Land Use Dept. regarding confirmation of easement for Arbolitos Trail in Santa Fe Estates.	Rogers, Noss

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8) <u>PLANNING / COORDINATION</u>	Meet with GUSTO Study Area Champions re input to mapping tool and GUSTO Steering Committee (July 26) regarding next planning steps, including closer coordination with County. Attend SFNF Forest Plan Revision meeting on July 18 and provide overview / preliminary GUSTO input relating to SFNF. Work with Carol Branch of Santa Fe County to coordinate future Dale Ball Trails sign work on Talaya Hill. Meet with Ridgetop/Tano neighbors regarding future trail maintenance / improvement of trails tying into La Tierra Trails and Cañada Rincon Trail. Continue conversation with Reserve HOA re planning considerations around the Cañada Rincon Trail. Coordinate with TPL regarding GIS assistance for GUSTO. Communicate with Santa Fe Estates, Arbolitos, and City Land Use Dept. regarding confirmation of easement for Arbolitos Trail in Santa Fe Estates.	Rogers, Noss
9) <u>REPORTS</u>	Prepare June reports for BTAC and City; update GUSTO materials and maps on web; enter volunteer hours for Trail Work Days in spreadsheet and on TAOSF web site; report on trail activities to SFCT Trails Committee and SFCT Board; produce web material summarizing trail work days in July.	Rogers

Also see www.sfct.org/trails on:

[Completing the Cerro Gordo Trailhead Connection, Dale Ball Trails, July and August](#)

[La Tierra Trails / Dog Park Connector, July and August](#)

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Completing the Cerro Gordo Trailhead Connection, Dale Ball Trails, July and August 2017

On July 20, a handful of dedicated city trail volunteers met to take care of some last needs for pruning, wayfinding signage, and tread work around the old Sand Filter Plant site.

The area had recently been re-contoured and mulched by Youthworks volunteers on behalf of the City's Parks and Recreation Dept., which has now taken over management of the site from the City Water Division.



Even after pruning, trail users will enjoy a wonderful arbor effect under this apple tree near the Santa Fe River



A new volunteer poses with improved tread north of the former building site, near the plaque for Two-Mile Dam, in background



Showing off the tools of the trade to some curious future trail volunteers at Cerro Gordo Trailhead



We may receive assistance from the City Parks Division to put down distinctive trail surface material through short sections in the building site area that was recently mulched. Otherwise, we are ready to work with The Nature Conservancy and the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society to bridge the final gap in the trail in August.

Near the north junction with the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve Trail: Coming soon!

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La Tierra Trails / Dog Park Connector, July and August 2017

The “Dog Park Connector” is a [GUSTO demonstration project](#) to help create a long-awaited connection through city open space out to La Tierra Trails via the “Montoyas Trail” and underpass under the Relief Route.

The GUSTO demonstration comprises the northern six-tenths of a mile of the alignment between two existing City Open Space gates. The task of completing the route to Frank Ortiz Park at Camino de las Crucitas, a distance of about one-quarter mile by road, will fall to the City’s [Trails Engineering Section](#) under the direction of the [Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee](#).



Former encampment #1, all cleaned up

The Dog Park Connector was originally flagged with assistance from Henry Lanman and Steve



Not the most glorious work for our volunteers, but what a difference a morning made!



Why stop when we can make it two?

Washburn in December 2016. An archaeological review in June and July of 2017 was conducted with the support of the Larsen Fund.

Work on the trail began with trash removal by some very dedicated trail volunteers on the morning of July 25. A group of six volunteers joined the Trails Program Manager to focus on the south end of the trail along Camino de los Montoyas, collecting a significant amount of scattered debris and removing the contents of two former encampments.

Although the task was daunting while underway, after a half-day of trail work by a half-dozen volunteers, the results were surprisingly impressive. A return visit with four volunteers on Aug. 2 focused on trash remaining around the former encampment area and a nearby dumping ground, but included a first sweep of the remainder of the 0.6-mile trail north to the gate at the crossing to the “Montoyas Trail,” near the Relief Route.



Second work day, on Aug. 2, started where the previous one left off.

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