

Trails are good for you and the Community

In addition to the obvious health benefits, integrated trail systems provide many other social and economic benefits.

They are proven to increase the value of connected properties.

Trail users also generate economic activity through sales of sporting goods and equipment.

Most importantly, a good trail system is fun to use for residents and visitors alike.



Join us! Feel free to participate in our meetings and to submit your application to become a Commission member.

Trails Advisory Commission

c/o Department of Parks & Recreation

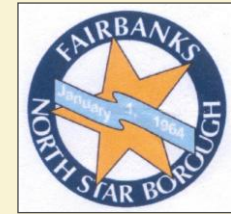
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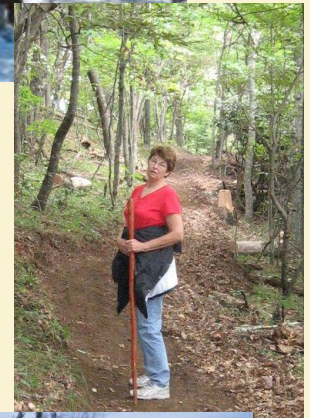
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Trails Advisory Commission



The Trails Advisory Commission (TAC) was established by Borough Ordinance in May of 1980. The responsibilities and duties of the Commission outlined in Chapter 2.62 of the Borough Code are:

- Inventory and review current trails and make recommendations concerning present and future needs.
- Review state and borough land disposals in regard to trail needs and trail routing.
- Provide a forum for citizen input in trail assessments and needs.
- Review and recommend adjustments needed in the Comprehensive Recreational Trails Plan
- Encourage voluntary incorporation of trails where needed in subdivision plans.
- Within the parameters of Borough policy, review and recommend any changes to the Borough Assembly.

The Commission is required to meet quarterly, but generally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Times, places and agendas are included in public notices and also on the Borough web site.

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The public is encouraged to participate

The Commission is comprised of 15 borough at-large residents who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Borough Assembly. Applications are available on line and through the Mayor's office and the Parks and Rec office.

All varieties of recreational trail activities are represented. These include:

- Hiking
- Biking
- Skiing
- Snowmachining
- ATV use
- Dog Sledding
- Skijoring and Pulking
- Equestrian use
- Trapping
- Service dog and retriever training

The Commission spends a good deal of its time working to keep our trail system safe and enjoyable for these diverse user groups. This includes the appropriate designation of trails as motorized, non-motorized and multi-use.

We encourage all users to respect trail etiquette, and to avoid activities that damage trails and that may create conflicts with adjoining properties and other trail users.

The single biggest issue we deal with is the lack of legal easements and rights-of-way for much of our trail system. Trails in the Comprehensive Trails Plan can currently be protected when land is subdivided. This may entail some relocation to accommodate new roads and property lines.

Trails can also be protected across State and Borough Lands, however this may entail some expenditure of funds to adequately define the location.

Simple mechanisms also exist for private property owners to establish easements on their property. Recent changes in State law now offer tax benefits and reduced liability exposure for property owners.

