

# Flagstaff Trails Initiative

City Council – 5 May 2020



# Summary

- Seeking City Council approval of Resolution 2020-XX in support of the Flagstaff Trails Initiative **Regional Trails Strategy**



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# FTI chronology



- Aug 2017 FTI process commences
- Mar 2018 – Oct 2019 Community engagement
- Mar – Oct 2019 Citizen planning teams work
- Nov 2019 Draft Regional Trails Strategy released
- Dec 2019 Presentations to Council, Cnty Board
- Dec 2019 – Jan 2020 Public review of draft Strategy
- Apr 2020 Revised draft Strategy
- May 2020 Presentation to Council  
Resolution in support

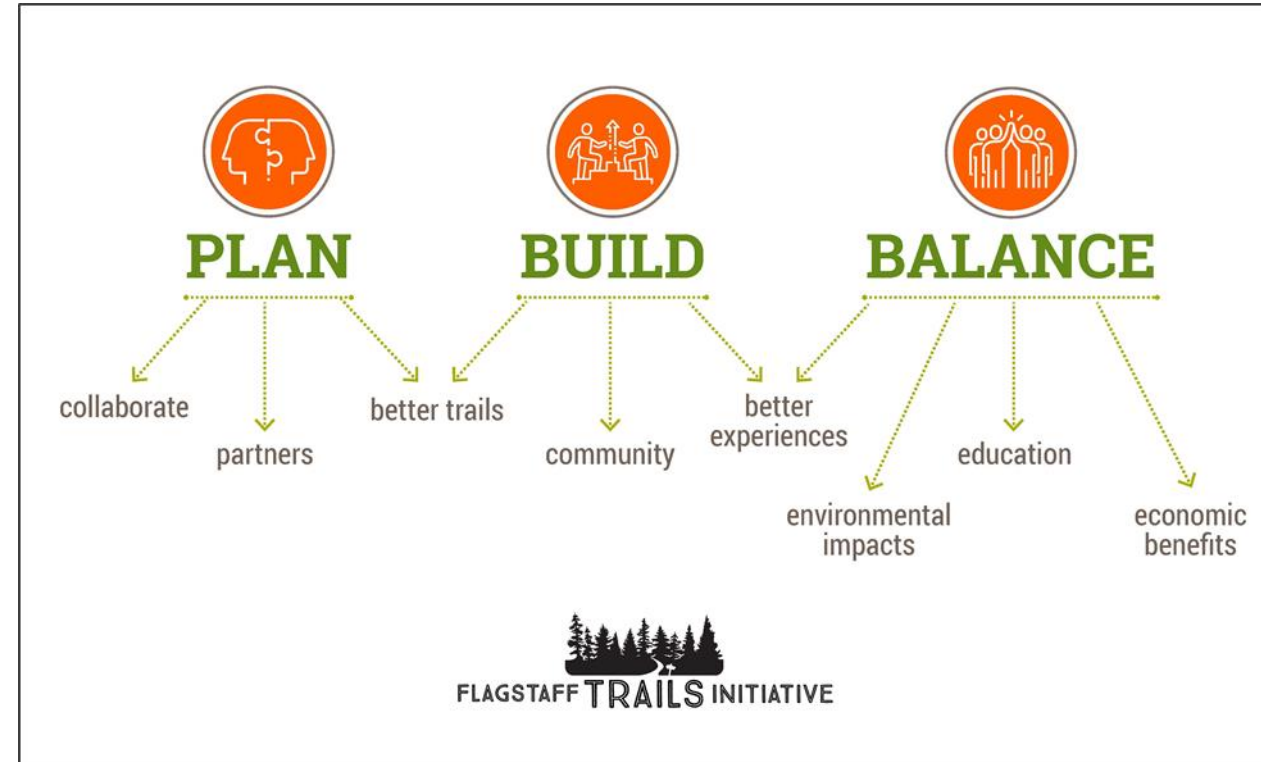


# Flagstaff Trails Initiative



Cross-jurisdictional effort to create and implement a regional strategy for recreational trails

- Improve quality, connectivity for sustainable trail system
- Balance recreation with conservation, development, and health



**Goal: Elevate Flagstaff's trails from good to extraordinary**



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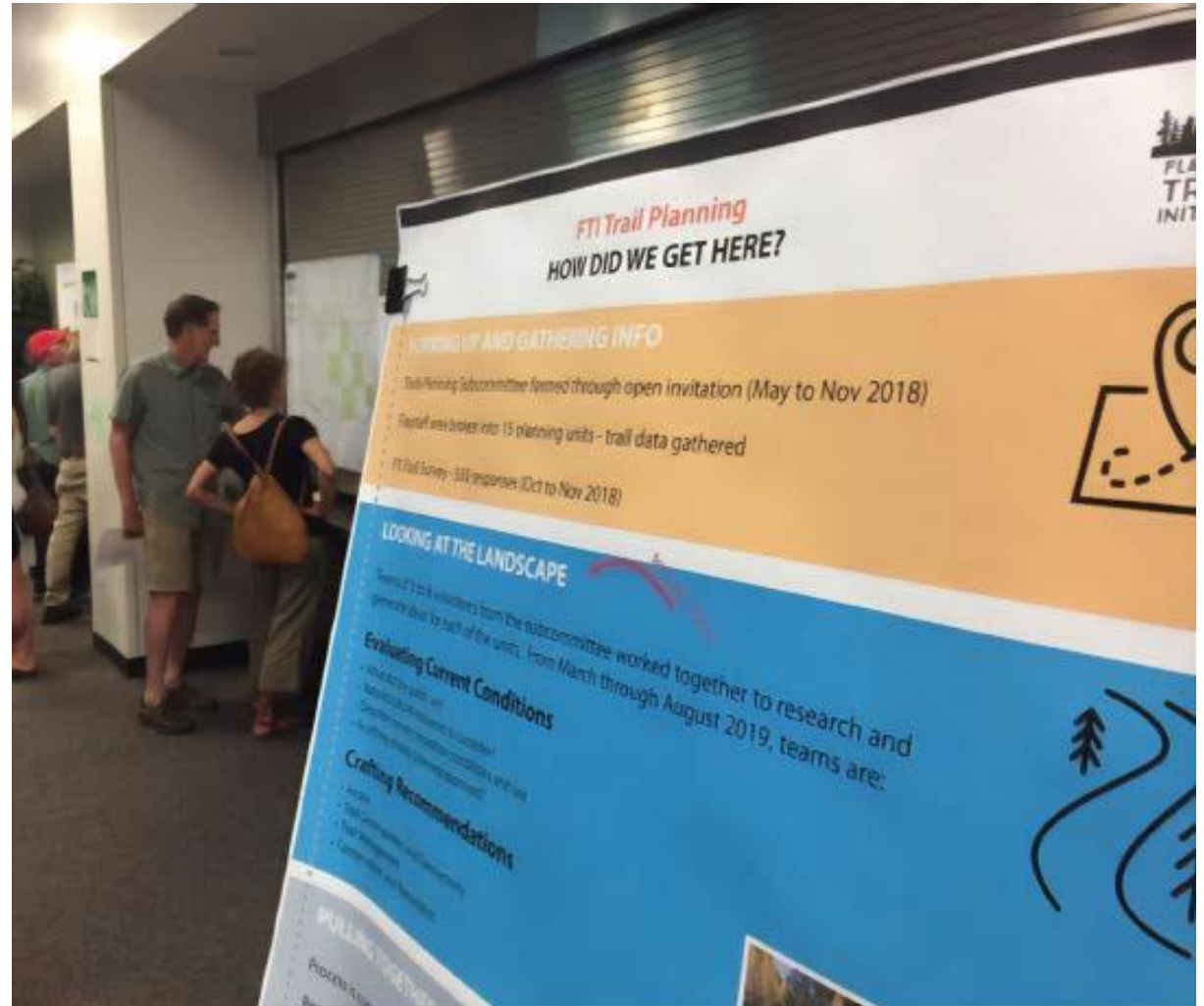
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- Core team...
  - City of Flagstaff
  - Coconino County Parks and Recreation
  - Coconino National Forest
  - National Park Service Flagstaff Area National Monuments
  - American Conservation Experience
  - Flagstaff Biking Organization
  - R2R Hiking Club
  - Coconino Trail Riders
  - Sierra Club
- RTCA grant from NPS



# Community engagement

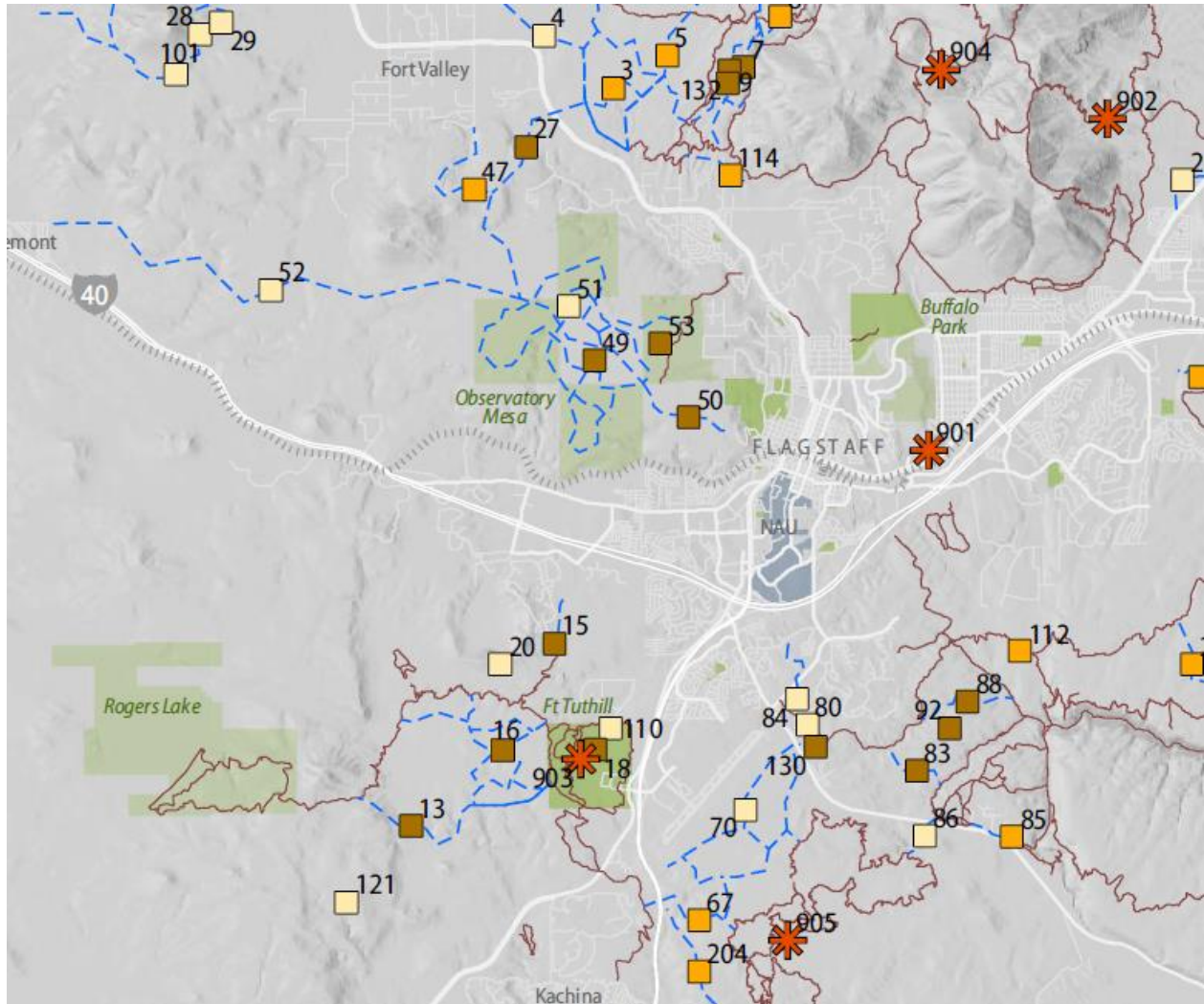
- Broad list of engaged partners
- 3 public meetings
- Community survey (570 respondents)
- Citizen planning teams



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# Regional Trails Strategy



- Draft released Nov 2019
- 10 goals, 30+ strategies
- Organized around 4 topics
  - Education and outreach
  - Financial sustainability
  - Conservation and restoration
  - Trail system planning
- Interactive map



# Regional Trails Strategy



## Recommendations...

- Key trail connections
- New 501c3 organization
- A trail etiquette and education campaign
- Restoration of unauthorized trails



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# Regional Trails Strategy



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- Presented to City Council December 3, 2019
- Presentations to boards, commissions, other groups
- Open for public comment Dec 2019 – Jan 2020
- Received 550 comments from 80 individuals



# Regional Trails Strategy

## Revisions following public comment...

- Schultz Y trailhead added as a collaborative near-term priority
- Added guidance and strategies related to public transportation connections, law enforcement, unauthorized trails, sustainable trail design, wildfires, trail ambassadors
- Removed several proposed trails south of Walnut Canyon



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# FTI activity since December



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- Retained a part time coordinator
- Became part of “Pledge for the Wild” campaign ([pledgewild.com](http://pledgewild.com))
- Drafted articles of incorporation for 501c3
- Began recruitment of board members
- Preparing grant for educational campaign
- Convened detailed planning process for MEDL area north of city

# Tonight's meeting

- Seeking City Council approval of Resolution 2020-XX in support of the Flagstaff Trails Initiative  
**Regional Trails Strategy**
- Other partners on the core team are submitting letters of support





# FTI links



- Flagstaff Trails Initiative... <http://flagstafftrailsinitiative.org/>
- Interactive map...  
<https://flagstaff.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=974056ac74664bebb7f81ed9f7a5c77f>