Kingdom Trails Network

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The project aims to:

- Reduce stress on landowners and host communities

- Balance capacities of system components + develop additional infrastructure

- Broaden regional economical impact

FACTS

100+ miles of non-motorized trails

104 Private landowners supporting trail access

MORE INFORMATION

KT Network Capacity Study Website

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SUMMARY

The 2021 Kingdom Trails Network Capacity Study addresses heavy trail use challenges in East Burke, Vermont, emphasizing positive host community impacts. It involves data collection, engagement with locals, and conceptual designs for improvements, guided by six goals focused on access, safety, user experience, and economic benefits. Goals also include reducing stress on landowners and infrastructure, balancing system capacities, and dispersing network use. Community involvement methods are integral to this project, and include things like post-ride surveys and regular community focus groups.

MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES

The study's conclusion resulted in essential recommendations centered on its primary objectives:

- Enhance existing trail networks for user dispersion and create new trails in less-used areas.
- Improve user experience with a phone app, better parking lot signage, online membership promotion, and a trail visitation monitoring program.
- Engage the community through partnerships, annual meetings, and ambassadors, exploring merchandise tents for economic benefits.
- Tailor recommendations for each trail network hub based on criteria such as capacity and connectivity to other hub.
- Implement town infrastructure changes, including a Welcome Center, village crosswalk, and enhanced main road crossing for improved accessibility and safety.

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