



# Elizabethtown Public Input

## Elizabethtown Trails Plan – Public Open House

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Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group and HDR hosted a public open workshop that encouraged attendees to participate in various exercises. These exercises included identifying preferences for pedestrian amenities, signage and landscaping, as well as brainstorming a potential name for the trail and identifying their route alternative preference. The following information provides a summary and tally of public input during this workshop.

### Summary:

The top trail amenities identified during the public include trash receptacles, restrooms, and shelter area. Preferred signage included branding, wayfinding and mile markers. Landscaping treatments included natural, framing scenic views and an open meadow. The routes that the public preferred included taking advantage of the scenic views at Buffalo Lake, improving safety/crossing across 62, improving safety if along the RR tracks. A lot of people liked option four because it was secluded and different. Some people identified it as a future or last phase. The public also like the idea of having a hybrid of alternative 1 & 2 and possibly creating some loops.

Attendees were asked to participate in an amenities preference exercise. Top amenities included:

### Pedestrian Amenities:

- Trash Receptacles: 18
- Restrooms: 16
- Shelter/Pavilion: 11
- Benches: 9
- Drinking Fountain: 9
- Parking near a Trailhead: 8
- Signage: 8
- Public Art: 8
- Pet Waste Station: 7
- Emergency Location Systems: 7
- Bike Racks: 7
- Crossing Enhancements: 3
- Ornamental Railing/Fencing: 3
- Landscaped Areas: 2

### Signage:

- Wayfinding: 13
- Trail Branding: 24

- Regulatory: 0
- Interpretive Signage: 9
- Orientation Map: 12
- Mile Markers: 17

#### Landscaping:

- None: 19
- Open Meadows: 14
- Views: 12
- Trees: 9
- Grass: 2
- Ornamental Grasses/Shrubs: 2

#### Potential Trail Names:

- Montgomery Fields (5)
- Elizabethtown Trails (2)
- Heartland Trail (2)
- Elizabeth Passage
- Buffalo Creek Trail
- Etown Connection
- Buffalo Fields
- Carl Brashear Memorial Trail
- Santa Trail
- City Park Trail
- Carl Brashear Memorial Heartland Trail
- Buffalo Lake Crossing
- Buffalo Pond Trail
- Elizabethtown Down Under Trail
- Awesome Trail

#### Routes:

- Bullmoose Brothers Bicycles favors option #4 we will rent bikes for residential and visitors to enjoy the ride
- "Connectors" — will they be upgraded too? (sidewalks needed), residents worried safe, walkable bike access to downtown too.
- Way to get most direct path to downtown with option for scenic path
- Would like to see a hybrid yellow 4 to Sutton. Then link to Blue 3 and take South of Lake to Red 1 link at West end of Lank. Or if not hybrid the yellow one. STAY AWAY from RR Tracks.
- Alternate 4 looks like the best option. I like the idea of going through woods and being away from the unsightly properties that surround Buffalo Lake
- Begin with alternate 2 connecting to alternate 1 prior to arriving at Buffalo Lake. Pedestrian Bridge over HWY 62
- Alternate # 1 is first choice
- Works Harold Hendricks
- # 2 too near the highway — missing the lake

- I like the orange alternative but to have it cross across the wooded area near the greenspace trail head on Commerce Dr. then have the paved area run along the RR tracks as proposed.
  - Alternate #1 (north side/east) and Alternate 2 (south side/west)
  - Safety, downtown bars, railroad tracks, & water
  - #4 too close to highway and missing lake view
  - Route 4
  - Route 4 – would like trail to have designated lane for cyclists and walkers/runners
  - Route 1 – the other routes involved too many commercial properties. However, cross over to levee on Rt. 2 to route, this extends mileage
  - Bike repair stations!
  - Buffalo Lake fish population is very little due to 3 foot max depth. I suggest expanding or connecting the trail to Valley Creek reservoir and fixing the boat ramp there. YES! The boat ramp at Valley Creek is very difficult to use, even for experienced fisherman.
  - Like connectors
  - Alternative 2 & 4 loop, Alternative 1 or 2 with a connector would be nice too!
  - Multiple loops allow a variety of choices. Work to leave natural trails as much as possible.
  - Is a noise baffle a possibility for highway noise?
  - Combo #1 and #2, Route 4 in the future
  - Like the connection options
  - Pedestrian crossing above road (62), connect Alternative 1 to swing around the lake then back up to alternative 2. Alternative 4 as the last phase.
  - Thinking as a tourist, the ease of crossing 62 is imperative. This is probably the most difficult piece of the puzzle.
  - There are trails in use through alternative 1,2 & 3. Four would be great simply because there are no existing and well-used trails through this section. HOWEVER there are several houses along this route, not to mention the close proximity to the highways may seem un-savory to trail users and run-off already is quite the detriment to the upper trails on the east side of the lake. Much more trail work would be required for route four. It seems most trail repairs I have done have been due to highway run-off. Therefore I vote route 2 because it does not disrupt the cycle cross make-shift course as much.
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