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The **Turtle Mtn Trails Network** is a community-led project supported by the National Park Service, the City of Truth or Consequences, our partner organizations and agencies, and the citizens of Sierra County.



IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

Pedestrian Bridges
Better Fishing Access
Better River Access
Hiking & Biking Trails
Wildlife Conservation



OUR VISION

Pedestrian bridges, trail, and river access improvements along the Rio Grande in Truth or Consequences and Williamsburg providing access to the natural environment that help our community grow healthier and wealthier.



ABOUT US

Our Steering Committee consists of representatives from:
Sierra County Tourism Board, City of Truth or Consequences, Village of Williamsburg, T or C Public Schools, New Mexico State Parks, Sierra County, Bureau of Reclamation, Jornada RC&D, Sierra SWCD, Sierra County Cooperative Extension Service, National Park Service, and MainStreet Truth or Consequences.



NEXT STEPS

As of summer 2021, citizen committees have developed these draft ideas. We continue to work through design specifics, land ownership, trail alignment, conservation, permitting, maintenance, and funding.



TURTLE MTN TRAILS NETWORK

IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Turtle Mtn Trails Network project focuses on highlighting and improving the natural resources of the river corridor and surrounding area for residents and out of town visitors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- New Outdoor Rec. Businesses
- Attracting New Visitors
- Longer Visitor Stays
- Higher Visitor Spending
- Visitors Become Residents

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Student Athletics
- Physical Therapy
- Mindful Movement
- Active Lifestyles

FOOTBRIDGE EXAMPLE



WEATHERED STEEL BRIDGE

Williamsburg

Footbridge Alternative & River Launch Option



Spend an entire day paddling to Caballo Lake State Park from Elephant Butte Dam.

Seco Creek River Access Improvements

FAMILY RESOURCES:

- Nature & Water Trails
- Kids' Activities
- Tube Put-ins
- Connect our Parks
- Park Improvements



Rotary Park

Footbridge Alternative & River Launch Improvements



EXIT 79

Ralph Edwards Park

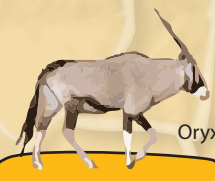
Footbridge Alternative & River Launch Option

TorC



EDUCATION

- Class Trips
- Historical Placards
- Plant & Animal Species
- Understand River Ecology
- Understand Importance of the River and Agriculture



Proposed Rio Grande Trail

Possibilities for having a universally accessible riverside trail that offers a trail experience for everyone.



Caballo Cone (Turtle Mtn)



In area wetlands and along the Rio Grande "flyway", these are just some of the commonly seen birds.



Mescal Canyon Launch Option

LAUNCH EXAMPLE



CONCRETE PAD

HWY 51 Riverside Launch Improvements

LAUNCH EXAMPLE



ASTROTURF COVERED CONCRETE PAD



CONSERVATION

- Removal of Non-Native Plant Species
- Reduce Erosion
- Improve Plant Diversity
- Improve Wildlife Habitat



Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Fish Hatchery Launch Option



SIGNAGE EXAMPLE



TOURISM

- Connect to Rio Grande Trail
- Birders
- Hikers
- Mountain Bikers
- Trail Runners
- Boating, floating & fishing

- When completed, this Trail Network would:
- Let you hike, bike, run on a riverside trail from TorC to Williamsburg
 - Provide public lands access on the east side of the Rio Grande
 - Become part of the Rio Grande Trail, a 500 mile cross-state recreational trail
 - Improve the paddling and tubing river access from Elephant Butte Dam to Williamsburg
 - Teach about the pre-historical and historical settlements along the Rio Grande valley
 - Increase river conservation efforts through education and habitat improvement projects
 - Improve quality of life for residents by supporting healthy, active lifestyles
 - Boost our adventure tourism opportunities