RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK GATEWAY

Issues / Background

A mountain bike park is proposed for the large area owned by the U.S. Army Corps north of Hwy 90. The proposed park area is accessible by N. River Landing Road. National Park Service developed a design concept for River Landing Park, which includes an RV and camping area, trails, and other amenities.





River Landing Park and Mountain Bike Park Trailhead. A seasonal trailhead can include signage, maps, information seating, restrooms, a bike fix station and other amenities for visitors to River Landing Park and the mountain bike park. Locating the trailhead near existing and proposed features (parking, pavilions, access roads, waterfront, restrooms) can provide convenience and visibility for visitors. Because the area is in a flood zone, the trailhead structures should be constructed to withstand flood conditions (like the existing pavilions and restrooms).

Mountain Bike Park Gateway. The gateway is the visible entry to the mountain bike park, located on North Landing Drive near the proposed technical skills area and trailhead.

Technical Skills Area (for bikes). An informal technical skills area to help youth develop and practice can be integrated into some of the higher ground located near the parking, trailhead and gateway. Unlike a pump track that has more infrastructure that can be damaged by flooding, a technical skills area can include natural and wooden features that can be easily constructed, relocated and changed over time. The simple materials and flexibility provide an opportunity for volunteers to help with construction and maintenance.



Opportunities

Locating features such as a visible gateway to the mountain bike park, a shared trailhead for River Landing Park and mountain bike park visitors, and a technical skills training area to encourage young riders and promote development of the sport can benefit local and regional visitors to the recreation assets around the park area and the Apalachicola River.

Design Concept

Trailhead and Mountain Bike Park Gateway. The design concept locates a trailhead, visible mountain bike park gateway, and technical skills area between River Landing Park and the proposed mountain bike park. Interpretive features highlighting the rich cultural history of the area can be included in the design.

Trailhead and Mountain Bike Park Gateway





Existing view of proposed gateway area

Illustration of the proposed mountain bike park gateway and River Landing Park trailhead. The trailhead structure provides a shaded resting and observation area, as well as boards for posting park maps, updates and other information. This concept suggests Victory Bridge can serve as a visible gateway, and this design reveals how the city's branding might be used for the gateway, Many other sources of design inspiration, such as the area's cultural history, might be considered for the gateway design.

Examples of Interpretive Elements

These sculptural signage and concrete imprints show examples for how Chattahoochee's cultural history might be represented at the River Landing Park and Mountain Bike Gateway Trailhead area.

Examples of Technical Skills Area Features

Many technical skills features can be constructed with natural or recycled materials at low costs. Simple construction also enables volunteers to help with building and maintenance.









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