

Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Update

PAB Meeting, January 14, 2020

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A draft of the report was sent to stakeholders in December with a request for feedback, corrections, comments and information to be returned to the National Park Service team by January 10, 2020.

Most of the feedback received was very positive:

- The report is beautiful!
- Great job! This is amazing!
- Thank you to everyone involved!
- The Lewis and Clark Regional Trail will be a tremendous asset for both residents and visitors.

Additional support letters we received in the last few weeks echoed these positive remarks. In all, we have received 15 support letters to date.

Challenges:

Collectively, we realized the regional trails map and the trail descriptions didn't align. Corrections were sent to NPS and these items have been updated. Additional input from the Washington Trails Association led us to the discovery that Ridgefield has some exciting trail projects that will be added to the final report.

Letters and comments of concern were received from the following:

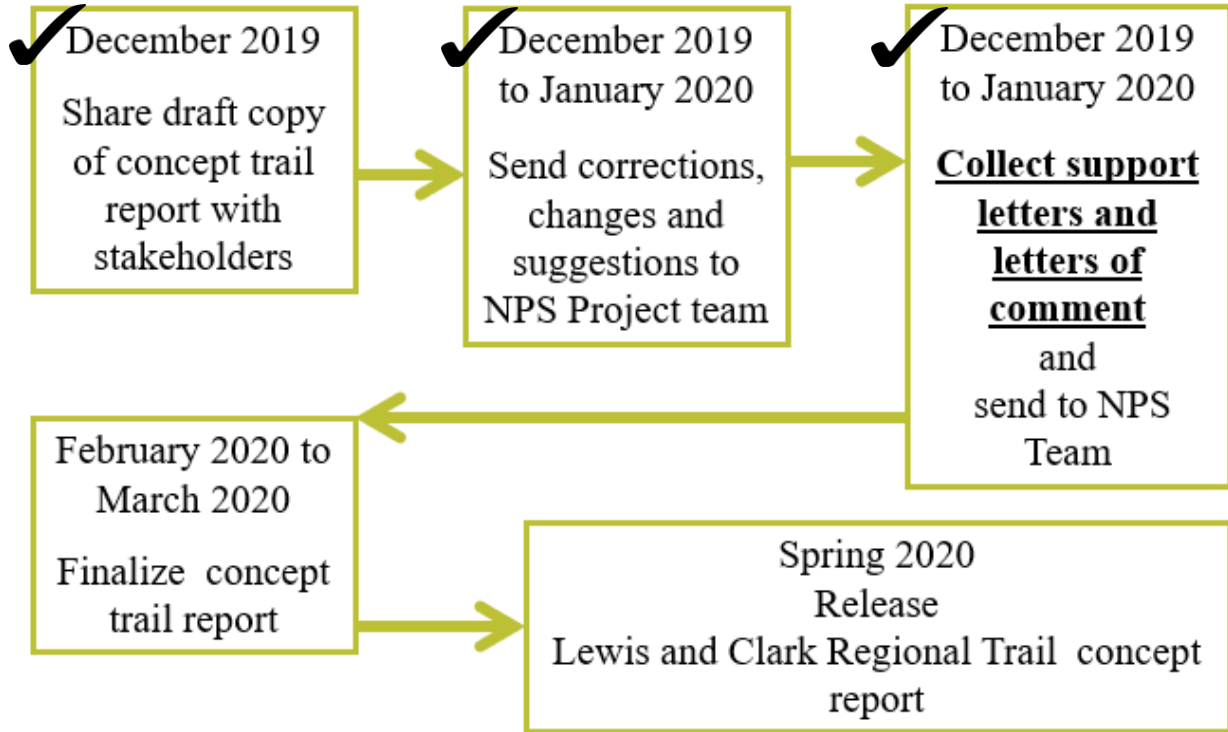
- Department of Fish and Wildlife: Supportive of recreation opportunities. Opposed to a public trail that would impact wildlife on lands managed by State and US DFW.
- Dan Friesz, Columbia Land Trust Natural Area Manager: Concerns regarding specific wildlife habitats such as heron, deer, sandhill cranes and waterfowl.
- Richard Fazio, Fazio Brothers / Diking District #14 Commissioner: While Mr. Fazio had stated during one of our meetings that the trail could go across the dike on their property, a letter from Richard Fazio states that this is not an option.
- Friends of the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge: Supportive of a trail leading to the refuge. Opposed to any portion of the trail that would go through the refuge.

Exciting News! The Lewis and Clark Regional Trail is being celebrated!

- Presentation at Old Evergreen Highway NA & Columbia River NA combined annual meeting on 12/4/19.
- Presentation at Chinook Trail Association annual meeting on 3/15/2020.
- Focus of the Parks Foundation annual luncheon event in May of 2020.
- CTVTV to produce video to celebrate the release of the concept plan
- Clark County Parks Website update to include report and information



Lewis and Clark Regional Trail: Next Steps



Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Dates to Remember:



Annual Luncheon, May 2020

SAVE THE DATE!
National Trails Day
June 6, 2020

Volunteer, explore, and share your adventure!

As you plan next year's activities, save room for **National Trails Day!** We have some big plans for June 2020. Mark your calendar, and visit www.clark.wa.gov/public-works for more information coming soon!

