



# Regional TRAILS PLAN

## CORRIDOR SCORING CRITERIA

### 1. Community Connections

- a. **Trail Experience.** Does the project provide users to a high-quality trail experience and/or destination?
- b. **Cultural/Natural Considerations.** Does the project take into consideration the preservation, ethics, and/or interpretations of cultural and/or natural resources along the corridor?
- c. **Accessibility.** Does the project address access, use, and benefits of the trail by persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and other groups?
- d. **Fills Gaps.** Does the project fill gaps in opportunities in the region and/or county and/or enhance the communities along or near the corridor?
- e. **Wayfinding.** How easy is it to locate the potential corridor?

### 2. Deliverability

- a. **Ease of Land Acquisition/Easement.** Are there landowners willing to sell/donate land and/or entities willing to provide land easements for the project corridor?
- b. **Maintenance/Operations Responsibilities.** Is there a plan for continued maintenance of the trail? Is there a local entity(ies) committed to the long-term maintenance of the trail?
- c. **Fiscal Responsibility.** Is there a local entity(ies) willing to be a fiscal host for potential project funding/grants?
- d. **Local Champions.** Are there local champions/partnerships with trail experience that will work to advocate for this trail?
- e. **Level of Planning/Design.** What is the level of planning that has been completed for this trail? Is there a plan in place? Does the design make sense for the corridor?

### 3. Planning & Support

- a. **Demand.** Is there clear user demand for the trail corridor?
- b. **Connectivity.** Is the project included in other plans and/or does it increase the connectivity to other trail/sidewalk routes and/or destinations that already exist or are in the works?
- c. **Level of Community Involvement.** How has the community been involved in the planning and/or support of the project? Does the project demonstrate coordinated partnerships?
- d. **Amenities.** Has there been consideration and/or planning for appropriately placed amenities along the route?
- e. **Resource Protection.** Does the project protect and enhance natural resources or consider avoidance of problem areas or mitigation of unavoidable damage to other resources?

### 4. Potential Tourism Impact

- a. **Economic Potential.** Are there opportunities and support for future businesses along the trail corridor to meet the demands of potential trail users?
- b. **Destination.** Does the project connect to a touristic destination and/or create a high-quality tourism potential?
- c. **Unique Experiences.** Are there points of interest along the trail route that would provide users with a unique experience?
- d. **Proximity of Other Experiences.** Are there unique experiences within proximity of the corridor that complement the project and could be a tourism draw?
- e. **Businesses.** Are there current businesses along the corridor that meet the demands of potential trail users?