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To: John Stein, City Administrator

From: Tim Riley, Chair and Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee Members

Subject: Sitka Mountain Bike Association Single Track Trail

At their November 1, 2007 meeting the Sitka Parks and Recreation approved the proposal from Sitka Mountain Bike Association (SMBA) to fund, construct and maintain a single-track mountain bike trail on the old APC landfill, located next to Sawmill Creek. See attached proposal.

The members of Parks and Recreation were enthusiastic about the SMBA willingness to volunteer to create an area for Sitka bikers to undertake a new, additional recreational activity.

SPRC confirmed with the group that adequate parking was available and that other recreational uses that had been proposed in the past, such as a trail to Sawmill Creek for fishing access, could still be accommodated in the future. The trail will be of minimal impact to the landfill and would quickly revert to its original state if other uses were identified for that site.

The SMBA members have contacted both Mark Buggins and Sandra Woods at DEC to determine the actions required in order to be in compliance with any restrictions or regulations for use of the landfill.

According to the City's insurer, Venneburg Insurance, this activity will be covered under our existing insurance policy with no additional coverage required.

Since a trail is not specifically identified in the zoning table for Sawmill Cove Industrial Park, it seems appropriate that the Assembly pass a motion to approve the SMBA use of the landfill area for a single track trail. We would like to suggest including this on the agenda for the November 27, 2007 meeting and look forward to the Assembly's support on this matter.