

1512 - Desert Peach Trail

Application Details

Funding Opportunity: 1001- Motorized & Diverse Projects - Recreational Trails Program 2022 Grants
Funding Opportunity Due Date: Nov 2, 2021 12:00 AM
Program Area: Recreational Trails Program
Status: Under Review
Stage: Final Application

Initial Submit Date: Oct 25, 2021 11:46 AM
Initially Submitted By: Gregg Berggren
Last Submit Date:
Last Submitted By:

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

Active User*: Yes
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Phone
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Fax: ### ### ####

Comments:

Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Organization Type*: County Government

Tax Id:

Organization Website:

Address*: 3303 Butti Way

Building 9

Carson City Nevada 89701-
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

Phone*: 775-283-7219 Ext.

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Fax: ### ### ####

Benefactor:

Vendor ID:

Comments:

RTP Pre-Application - MOTORIZED & DIVERSE

Project Description

Classification*: Government
Please choose one.

Government Classification: Local/Municipality
Please choose one.

Grant Manager/
Primary Point-of-Contact
(if grant is awarded)*: Gregg Berggren
First Name Last Name

Title*: Trails Coordinator
Email Address*: gberggren@carson.org
Telephone*: 775-283-7219
Address*: 3303 Butti Way
Address Line 1
Building 9
Address Line 2
Carson City Nevada 89701-
City State Zip Code

Land Owner*: Municipality of Carson City

Classification of Land Control*: Public Land
Select all that apply.

Project Costs
Please do not submit match not directly related to the project.

Grant Request*: \$33,712.00

Match Amount*: \$8,428.00
(20% of total amount for diverse& education projects; 5% for moto)

Total Project Amount: \$42,140.00

Match Sources*: City/County

Please Describe Source(s)*:
Direct match from Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department

Project Category(s)*: Non-motorized for diverse use
Select all that apply.

Trail Use*: Equestrian,Mountain Biking,Pedestrian (hiking/trail)
Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Project Type*: Construction of new trails
Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Scope of Work
Describe exactly what work will be completed, include miles of trail or other measurable goals. Please be specific to the actual project being built.

Scope of Work*:
This project will construct approximately 2 miles of new non-motorized, multi-use, single-track trail to connect the 5th Street Loop Trails with the North Loop on the Prison Hill Recreation Area in Carson City. The 5th Street Loop Trails were constructed as part of a 2016 RTP grant project - "Prison Hill Recreation Area - 5th Street Trailhead and Trails Project". This connection will continue to utilize what has become one of Carson City's favorite trailheads.

Project Location

Congressional District(s)*:

District 2
Select all that apply.

County*:

Carson City

Municipality/Town/City*:

Carson City

Environmental Compliance

See page 10 of the RTP Handbook for more information.

Does not apply to Planning or Education projects with no ground disturbing activities.

Is a Federal agency involved in this project as an applicant, partner, or landowner?

Federal Agency*:

No

If yes, environmental clearances have likely been completed for your project area.

Please indicate which NEPA document was produced.

Please attach the document to this application.

NEPA Document Produced:

NEPA Document:

Historic Resource Compliance

Please provide the following information:

Describe the extent of ground disturbance for this project. Specifically, describe the length, width, and depth of the most significant instances of excavation/digging.

Ground Disturbance:

This project proposes to construct a full-bench native-surface trail, approximately 24" - 28" wide and approximately 2 miles long.

Describe both current and past uses of the project area.

Project Area Use:

Prior to Carson City ownership, the Prison Hill Recreation Area was managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The property was conveyed from the BLM to Carson City in 2015 as part of a Federal Lands Bill. There is an existing social trail through this area which is filled with natural obstacles and has grades in excess of 20%. There are no other known uses.

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Maps

Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state and/or county)		Desert Peach Trail Project - General Location Map	General Location Map.pdf	pdf	1 MB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		Desert Peach Trail Project - USGS Topo Map	Desert Peach Trail - Topo.pdf	pdf	2 MB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)		Desert Peach Trail Project - Detail Map	Desert Peach Trail Aerial.pdf	pdf	15 MB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM

Photos

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Desert Peach Trail Project - view east to west.	Desert Peach Trail - view east to west.pdf	pdf	14 MB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM
View from near beginning of proposed Desert Peach Trail	P3060047.jpg	jpg	2 MB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM

Shape Files

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Shape file - Desert Peach Tr	Desert_Peach.shp.xml	xml	7 KB	09/30/2021 03:04 PM

Authorization

Authorized Individual*: Lyndsey Boyer 08/17/2021
First Name Last Name Date

Title*: Open Space Manager

Agency/Organization*: Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space

RTP Application - MOTORIZED & DIVERSE PROJECTS/PLANNING PROJECTS

Project Description

Standards/Guidelines Applied to Project*: USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails

If Other, Please List:

List all permits required to complete project.

Permits:

Grading Permit (Carson City) - will be obtained when contract for construction is awarded, and an erosion control plan will be included with the application for the grading permit.

~~Other permits required for this project include: USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails.~~

No other permits are required. The proposed trail alignment avoids crossing of streams or encroachment on any wetlands.

Does the project include a paved bicycle path?

Bicycle Path*: No

Plan Title:

Has the applicant received funding from the Recreational Trails Program in the past?

Past Funding*: Yes

Number of Projects Funded: 3

Amount of Funding Received: \$382,500.00

Number of Projects Completed: 2

Project Narrative

Project Need

Describe how this project fits with current community development plans.

Current Plans*:

Carson City has a Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP), approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2006, and revised in 2018. The UPMP is the result of extensive public input and it is the guide for trail development in our community. The UPMP places an emphasis on an interconnected system of trails, and this proposed trail is specifically identified in the UPMP.

A copy of the Carson City UPMP may be found at this link:<https://www.carson.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60711/636621418739370000>

Describe the project's ability to enhance recreation options for an underserved area or population. ?Underserved? is defined as an area or population with inadequate services, facilities, and/or a lack of access to recreation opportunities.

Underserved Area or Population*:

The trailhead for this proposed trail is located directly across the street from Eagle Valley Middle School (EVMS), where according to the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 41.34% of the students are eligible for free school lunch, placing it in the "Mid-High Poverty" level. EVMS has a cross-country team that practices and holds events at the existing trailhead because it can be accessed by just a short walk from the school. This proposed new trail will provide additional opportunities for EVMS students to conduct their practices and host events, with a new added feature of an extended hill climb.

Project Quality

Describe project schedule(s) and contingency plans.

Schedule and Plans*:

1) The proposed trail alignment was completed in 2017.

~~2) Carson City's Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP) was updated in 2018, and this proposed trail is specifically identified in the UPMP.~~

3) If funded, this project could go out for bid in the spring of 2022.

4) Construction could begin in the summer or fall of 2022.

5) Any unanticipated delays could be resolved in 2022, and construction could be scheduled for completion in 2023.

Describe the confirmed partnerships for this project.

Partnerships*:

Our local non-profit trail advocacy organization, Muscle Powered, assisted with the field work to create the trail alignment, and they continue to support this project. Additionally, Visit Carson City (Carson City's Culture and Tourism Authority) recognizes that trails and outdoor recreation are a critical component of our community's economic vitality, and they also fully support this project.

Describe the nature and extent of public engagement with this project and what is being done to mitigate any concerns conveyed by the public.

Public Engagement*:

This trail is identified in the Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP), approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2006 and updated in 2018. The 2018 update incorporated single-track trail recommendations from the "Eagle Valley Trail Committee Community Trail Inventory, Review, Evaluation and User Needs Assessment Report" which was the result of a comprehensive multi-year grass roots effort that included an online survey and three public workshops.

Describe the implementation of best practices in each phase of the project (e.g., planning, budgeting, construction, etc.).

Project Phases*:

Planning: Extensive multi-year effort involving public participation to develop a single-track trail plan for Carson City. The result was an update to our Unified Pathways Master Plan, approved by our Board of Supervisors in 2018, which includes this proposed trail.

Trail Design: Alignment scoped and created by City staff aided by our local non-profit trail advocacy organization, Muscle Powered.

Budget: Grant match budgeted through Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept. Maintenance is also budgeted.

Construction: The project will go to bid for a professional trail builder who will implement required BMP's throughout construction.

How does the project promote sustainability goals and principles (e.g., social, environmental, economic) in the design criteria?

Sustainability*:

Currently, social trails and their associated impacts are being created as people seek access to the Prison Hill North Loop Trail from the new 5th Street Trailhead and associated 5th Street Loop Trails. This more enjoyable, desirable, sustainably built and maintained trail will attract users and discourage creation of social trails. This was our experience with the 5th Street Trailhead and Trails Project where we created 1.6 miles of loop trails, then decommissioned about 5.5 miles of old roads and closed several single-track social trails. User numbers are up significantly since we opened the new trailhead, but the impacts in the adjacent area have been reduced as people are staying on the new trails and avoiding the old roads and social trails which are recovering to a more natural appearance.

Alignment with Nevada's Recreation Goals

How will the project contribute to the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of existing outdoor infrastructure?

Existing Outdoor Infrastructure*:

This proposed trail will continue our efforts to make improvements on the north end of the Prison Hill Recreation Area that began with our 2016 RTP grant project: "Prison Hill Recreation Area - 5th Street Trailhead and Trails". That project, completed in 2020, essentially rehabilitated an area of about 60 acres where years of unregulated travel left numerous user-created roads and trails, many of them erosive and unattractive. This project will continue that effort by replacing some additional existing social trails and discouraging creation of new social trails.

How will safety be implemented in the design, maintenance, and management of the project?

Safety*:

This proposed trail will be built to sustainable standards and the alignment has been designed to create 5% to 7% average grades to better manage speed and trail flow than the existing social trails it will replace which have poor sight lines and grades exceeding 20%. Trail conditions will be monitored annually, and volunteers from Muscle Powered will help with maintenance needs. Trailhead signage will display our "Share the Trail" messaging, including our slogan "Go Slow and Say Hello".

How does the project increase connectivity between trails, facilities, or other locations?

Connectivity*:

Our 2016 RTP grant project, "Prison Hill Recreation Area - 5th Street Trailhead and Trails", recently received the Coalition for Recreational Trails Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of RTP funds in

the Community Linkage category. That project provided access to many miles of multi-use pathway throughout our community, including over 25 miles urban asphalt pathways and 14 miles of accessible aggregate trails throughout the Carson River area. Our currently proposed project will continue to enhance connectivity by providing linkages to many miles of single-track trails on the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

How does the project engage youth?

Youth Engagement*:

Eagle Valley Middle School (EVMS) is directly across the street from the trailhead for our proposed project. The school has a Cross-Country team which uses that trailhead to stage practices and host track meets. This proposed trail will provide EVMS students with additional opportunities. Additionally, the Carson City Senators Cycling offers mountain bike instruction to youth of all ages and NICA competition for those who are interested. This trail will provide year-round access for youth organizations to ride when many other trails in our community may be unavailable due to weather conditions.

How will the project contribute (or otherwise complement) the development, maintenance, and/or management of new outdoor recreation facilities?

New Outdoor Recreation Facilities*:

This proposed trail will complement our nationally recognized 2016 RTP grant project: "Prison Hill Recreation Area - 5th Street Trailhead and Trails" by creating additional opportunities and destinations from this trailhead. The 5th Street Trailhead has become one of the most popular in Carson City, providing linkages to many miles of accessible multi-use pathways. Our proposed project will enhance connectivity by providing linkages to many miles of single-track trail on the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

How does the project contribute to the economic vitality of its community?

Economic Vitality*:

Carson City fully recognizes and embraces the value of outdoor recreation in supporting the economic health of our community. Visit Carson City (our Culture and Tourism Authority) fully supports this project, recognizing that trails draw tourists and events to our community, like the annual "Escape From Prison Hill Half-Marathon". This trail will provide additional opportunities for small events which could be staged at the new 5th Street trailhead.

How will the project contribute to the conservation and/or rehabilitation of water and habitat?

Water and Habitat*:

Development of a fun, attractive, and sustainable trail will discourage creation of social trails. People tend to remain on well designed and built trails, and defer from traveling randomly over a landscape. This is especially important in the area where this trail will be built because much of it crosses a burn scar from a July 2, 2021 fire. Discouraging cross-country travel will benefit rehabilitation efforts. We had huge success with abandonment, closure, and rehab of old roads and social trails following construction of the 5th Street Loop Trails where we created 1.6 miles of attractive trail and closed 5.5 miles of unsustainable roads and trails. Rehabilitation of this once highly impacted area is progressing well.

Applicant History

Summarize your organization's grant management record. If your organization is new to grants, please summarize the organization's project management record.

Grant Management Record*:

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department has managed three prior RTP grants, all completed within the allocated budget and time-frame. Our most recent project, the Prison Hill Recreation Area - 5th Street Trailhead and Trails project received a 2021 Coalition for Recreational Trails Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of RTP funds in the Community Linkage category. Our staff has the expertise, knowledge, and experience to properly manage grants of any size.

Describe your organization's capacity to maintain facilities for the next 25 years.

Maintain Program*:

The Open Space Division within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, has a maintenance budget for trails and facilities on Open Space properties, like the property on which this trail will be located. Additionally, Carson City has a Memorandum of Understanding with the non-profit trail advocacy organization, Muscle Powered, to help us with long-term volunteer maintenance of single-track trails. Muscle Powered has a Crew Leader assigned specifically to Prison Hill.

Authorization

Authorized Individual*: Nancy Paulson 10/22/2021
First Name Last Name Date

Agency/Organization*: Municipality of Carson City

Title*: City Manager

Supporting Documentation

Supporting Documentation

Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state or county)		General Location Map	General Location Map.pdf	pdf	1 MB	10/07/2021 11:55 AM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		Topographic Map of proposed Desert Peach Trail	Desert Peach Trail - Topo.pdf	pdf	2 MB	10/07/2021 11:55 AM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)		Detail Map - Desert Peach Trail	Desert Peach Trail Detail Map.pdf	pdf	15 MB	10/07/2021 12:13 PM
At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances		Project site viewed from east looking west; photo from proposed trail looking east; photo from proposed trail looking west.	Desert Peach Trail - overview photos.pdf	pdf	20 MB	10/07/2021 04:49 PM
Photos of known cultural resources, if present						
Letter or statement certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and approved of the property		Letter from Open Space Manager	Property manager approval.doc	doc	233 KB	10/12/2021 09:01 AM
Documentation certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and meets their approval		Open Space Manager approval.	Property manager approval.doc	doc	233 KB	10/25/2021 07:50 AM
USACE 404 and/or other applicable permits						
Erosion and sedimentation control plan for stream crossings or general construction activities						
Copy of any building permits that may be required by the local township or statement permit not needed		Letter from Open Space Manager clarifying permit requirements.	Property manager approval.doc	doc	233 KB	10/12/2021 09:03 AM
Sewage disposal permit						
Transmittal letter		Transmittal Letter from Carson City Manager.	Transmittal Letter from City Manager.pdf	pdf	562 KB	10/25/2021 07:48 AM
Letter of Support		Letters of support from Muscle Powered and Visit Carson City.	LOS for Desert Peach Trail.pdf	pdf	1 MB	10/25/2021 07:44 AM

Additional Documentation

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
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No files attached.

Budget

Percentages

Grant Request

Federal Grant Percentage: 80.0%

Match

Federal Match Percentage: 0.0%

Non-Federal Match Percentage: 20.0%

TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE: 20.0%

Design and Engineering Costs

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Planning Costs for Match

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Direct Labor (Salaries or Actual)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Labor (Volunteer or Donated)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Equipment Purchase/Rent/Lease

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Contracts

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Contract for trail construction	1.00	Construction Contract	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$35,200.00	80.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$8,800.00	20.00	Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept.
			\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$35,200.00		\$0.00		\$8,800.00		

Materials

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Wayfinding signage	2.00	Directional sign and post	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	80.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$30.00	20.00	Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept.
			\$75.00	\$150.00	\$120.00		\$0.00		\$30.00		

Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance & Travel

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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Other Expenses

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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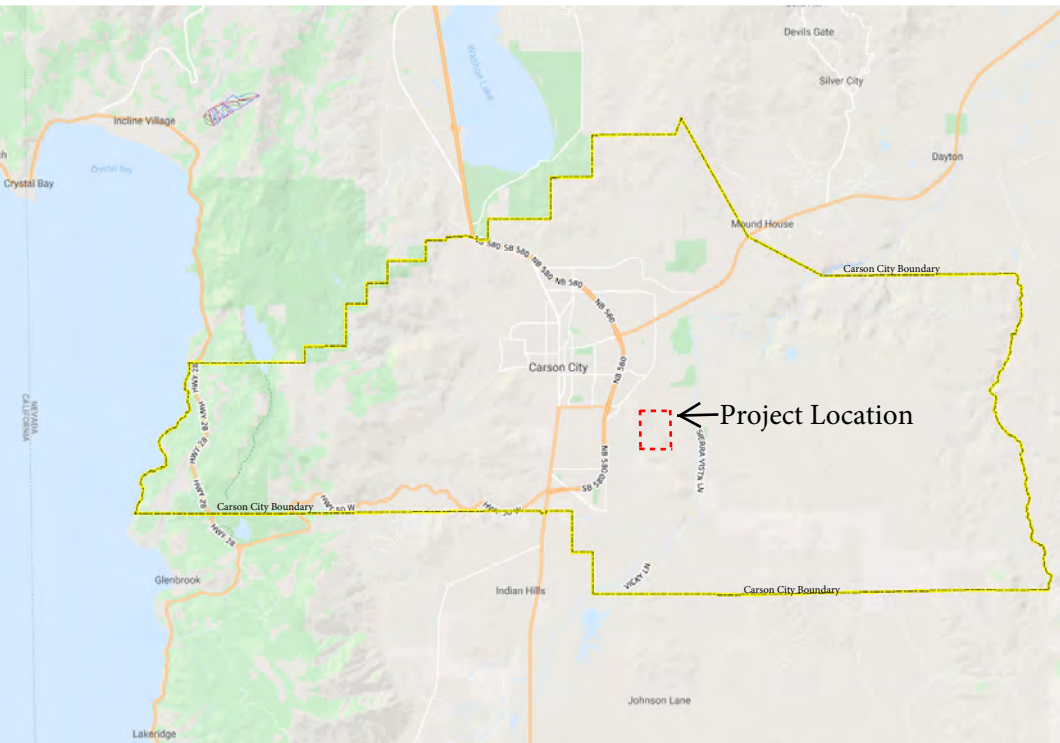
Totals

Total Federal Grant Amount:	\$35,320.00
Total Federal Match Amount:	\$0.00
Total Non-Federal Amount:	\$8,830.00
Total Amount:	\$44,150.00

General Location Map - Desert Peach Trail Project

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept. - 2022 Recreational Trails Program Grant

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Project Location

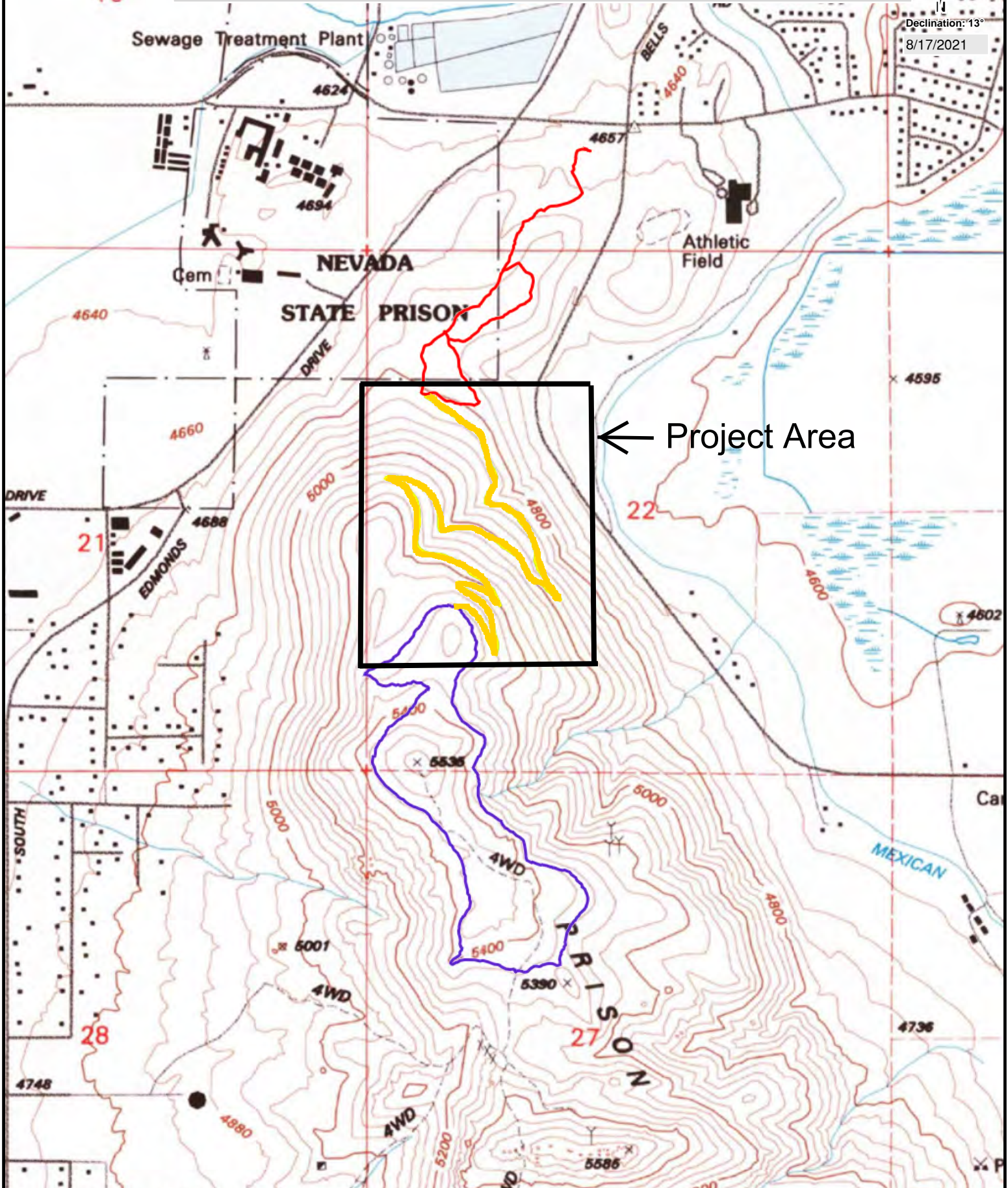
Desert Peach Trail Project Location

USGS Topographic Map; 7.5 Min.; 1:24,000 Scale;
T.15 N, R.20 E; 39.14937, -119.73033; New Empire, NV Quadrangle



Declination: 13°

8/17/2021






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Desert Peach Trail Project

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept.
2022 Recreational Trails Program Grant

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Key:

-  Proposed Desert Peach Trail
-  Existing trails
-  Trailhead

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5th Street TH

Existing 5th Street Loop Trails

Proposed Desert Peach Trail

About 2 miles long - connects two popular existing trails

Existing North Loop Trail

Google Earth



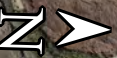
3000 ft



5th Street TH

View of Prison Hill from the east

Proposed Desert Peach Trail (yellow) would connect two popular trails - the Fifth Street Loop Trails and North Loop Trail (blue).





View to the east from lower portion of proposed trail alignment.



View to the west from proposed trail alignment.





CARSON CITY, NEVADA
CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITOL

October 11, 2021

Heather Geiger
Park and Recreation Program Manager/State Trails Administrator
hgeiger@parks.nv.gov
775/684-2784

**Subject: Recreational Trails Program – Grant Application for Prison Hill
Recreation Area, Desert Peach Trail**

Dear Ms. Geiger and Recreational Trails Program Committee,

Attached you will find a grant application for **\$35,320** for a project that proposes to construct a non-motorized trail on the Prison Hill Recreation Area to connect the loop trails at the 5th Street trailhead with other trails on Prison Hill. Our 5th Street trailhead was recently awarded the Coalition for Recreational Trails Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of RTP funds in the Community Linkage category. This new proposed trail will complement the 5th Street trailhead by further enhancing trail connectivity from that location.

Carson City is committed to providing safe and sustainable recreational opportunities for our residents and guests, and to that end we will commit to maintenance of this project's features for 25 years using budgeted maintenance funding. Further, this project is designated for non-motorized use and will not facilitate motorized activities on trails that have been predominantly used by non-motorized users and on which, as of May 1, 1991, motorized use is either prohibited or has not occurred.

We thank you for your consideration for this grant request. If you have any questions or comments regarding this request please contact Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator at (775) 283-7219 or gberggren@carson.org.

Sincerely,

Nancy Paulson
Carson City Manager





CARSON CITY, NEVADA
CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITOL

October 11, 2021

Heather Geiger
Park and Recreation Program Manager/State Trails Administrator
hgeiger@parks.nv.gov
775/684-2784

**Subject: Recreational Trails Program – Grant Application for Prison Hill
Recreation Area, Desert Peach Trail**

Dear Ms. Geiger,

The proposed Desert Peach Trail will be constructed entirely on property owned and managed by the Carson City Open Space Division. The project meets the Open Space guidelines for passive recreation and because this trail is identified in the Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan no other approvals are required. Section 106 surveys have been conducted by a consulting archeologist and SHPO concurrence is anticipated by the end of this year. The proposed trail alignment does not cross any streams or encroach on wetlands. The only permit required is a Carson City grading permit which will be obtained following the completion of a construction contract. Included with application for the grading permit will be an erosion control plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Boyer
Open Space Manager





October 24, 2021

Heather Giger
Park and Recreation Program Manager/State Trails Administrator
hgiger@parks.nv.gov
775-684-2784

Subject: Support for Desert Peach Trail, a Recreational Trails Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Giger and Recreational Trails Program Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed Desert Peach Trail, as submitted by the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department.

For the past 20 years, Muscle Powered has advocated for a walkable and bikable Carson City at a grassroots levels. During that time, we have worked closely with Carson City to design and build non-motorized single-track trails in Carson City. We support efforts to develop a system of connected trails that provide both recreation opportunities and non-motorized transportation alternatives to the public.

The proposed Desert Peach Trail project will connect the award-winning 5th Street Trailhead and associated 5th Street Loop Trails with the popular North Loop on Prison Hill. Muscle Powered has been involved with this project from the beginning. We were part of the effort to update Carson City's Unified Pathways Master Plan in 2018, which included this proposed connection and volunteers from our organization helped with the trail design and layout. Additionally, we have a committed group of volunteers who regularly perform trail maintenance on Prison Hill.

Our organization recognizes the importance and positive impact the 5th st. trailhead has had within Carson City and know how beloved Prison Hill is amongst the hiking, biking and running community. We welcome the additional connectivity that this new connection would provide to our members, Carson City residents and visitors, and to youth groups like Senators Cycling and school cross-country teams.

We thank you for your consideration for this grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Kincheloe

Chelsea Kincheloe
Muscle Powered President



October 11, 2021

Heather Geiger
Park and Recreation Program Manager/State Trails Administrator
hgeiger@parks.nv.gov
775/684-2784

Subject: Support for Desert Peach Trail, a Recreational Trails Program Grant Application from the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Dept.

Dear Ms. Geiger and Recreational Trails Program Committee,

I would like to offer my support for the proposed Desert Peach Trail on the Prison Hill Recreation Area. This project proposes to construct a non-motorized trail to connect the loop trails at the 5th Street trailhead with other trails on Prison Hill. Our 5th Street trailhead was recently awarded the Coalition for Recreational Trails Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of RTP funds in the Community Linkage category. This new proposed trail will complement the 5th Street trailhead by further enhancing trail connectivity from that location.

Carson City recognizes that outdoor recreation and trails support the physical health of our residents and contributes to our economic vitality. Trails draw tourists and events to our community, like the annual Escape From Prison Hill Half-Marathon. This trail will provide additional year-round opportunities for events on Prison Hill which could be staged at the 5th Street trailhead.

We thank you for your consideration for this grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Peterson".

David Peterson, CPM
Executive Director
Visit Carson City
dpeterson@visitcarsoncity.com
775/283-7681