Trails at McCourt
Hiking, Biking, Nature, Education, Sports, Walking & Horseback
McCourt Trails Purpose

The trails at McCourt Middle School were created for the enjoyment of the natural beauty of our community.

Planning & Creation

Planning started in the Fall of 2013 from a vision of a possible cross country trail by Chris Fernandez, teacher and coach at McCourt who contacted Councilman Kearns with idea.
McCourt Trail Uses

**Community**
- Walking, Running
- Hiking
- Cross Country Ski
- Education
- Horseback
- Nature
- Bird Watching
- Picnic

**Sports**
- 1.8 mile Cross Country Trail (outer loop)
- Other configurations to extend as needed up to a multi-mile course
Community Volunteers

Cumberland

- Chris Fernandes (Teacher)
- Jay Masterson (Principal)
- Dawn Masterson (Jay’s Wife)
- Chris Nichols (Parent)
- Jeff Kearns (Councilman)
- David Conklin (Parent)
- Dave Lamoureux
- John McNeil (Teacher)
- Darlene
- Jerilyn DeLuca-Hawk
- A.J. Cournoyer (Student)

Friends of Cumberland

- Up With People
  - This group helped kickoff our trail rough cutting in August 2014
Trail Status

Section 1 (Connector)
- Rough Cut and Trail Marked
- Needs Bobcat pass and Stone Dust

Section 2 (Wetlands)
- Rough Cut and Trail Marked
- Needs Bobcat pass and Stone Dust

Section 3 (The Climb)
- Rough Cut and Trail Marked
- Needs Bobcat pass and Stone Dust

Section 4 (Bamboo Hill)
- Needs Stone Dust
- Trail is Marked
- Needs Bobcat pass and Stone Dust

Section 5 (Highland Turn)
- Trail is Open and Marked. Another build up of Stone Dust

Actual Trail Markers

November 2, 2014
Trail Status (cont.)

- **Section 6 (Home Stretch)**
  - Trail is open and Marked. Another build up of Stone Dust needed.

- **Other**
  - McCourt Multi Purpose Field
    - This has been expanded. All undergrowth removed, leveled and grass has been planted.
  - Yellow Connecting trails from McCourt to Ball field Complete
    - Needs finish coat of Stone Dust
  - Yellow Connecting trail from Park Street to Main Connector for EMS and access
    - Complete and open
  - Yellow Alternate trails are marked and passable along the stream.
    - Need bobcat pass and Stone Dust.
Trail Status (cont.)

Next Steps

- Remove felled tree logs from trails
  - Town workers and volunteers needed to drag to egress points

- Plan clean up
  - There has been some dumping of items over the years in woods in a few areas. Need cleanup teams to haul items to egress points for removal
  - Need “No Dumping Signs” posted on Park Street along the road.
  - Trees and branches from the installation of the emergency generator in rear of McCourt School were left behind and must be removed. Is this a charge to the contractor who left them there?

- Paper road for Park Street that extends to High Street is being blocked by property owner.
  - Opening this access point for folks with bikes to use trails needs to be addressed.

- Need trail signs at public access points
- Need Stone Dust Sidewalk for students accessing Highland Avenue ASAP
McCourt Trail Views

Highland Turn

Home Stretch

Home Stretch
McCourt Trail Views

Entrance to the Wetlands Trail Section

Land Bridge, 12 inches high needed
McCourt Trail Views

Stream Area Cleaned Out

Just Down Stream
Future Planning

- Create Classroom area in Woods in Bamboo Section
- Create Picnic area in open flat area off main Connector Trail
- Place Park Benches to sit/rest at various points
  - Along stream, at Highland, Park and High Street entrances
- Find Grant money to enhance existing
- Identify existing plant life and other items as identified in Cumberland Comprehensive Plan – Natural Resources Element.

(Town Council adopted August 2003, State adopted June 2004)
Appreciation

- Special Thanks to Mayor McKee for his Support
- Extra Special Thanks to Town Employees who have made great contributions to the project
- Special Thanks to Lynch Construction for Supporting our community