



# **Lompoc Hike & Bike Trails**

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## **Background: *The Lompoc Hike & Bike Trails Project***

Lompoc Trails is a volunteer operated non-profit trail advocacy organization, formed to assist foundations, land managers and stakeholders in building and maintaining trails, educate users on responsible trail based recreation and establish new opportunities for biking, running and hiking trails. We aim to promote sustainable trail use, environmental stewardship, safety and community health.

### **Foundation Components**

- Proposing, gaining consent and approval for, and constructing new trail systems.
- Working with local land managers, non-profits and clubs, state conservancies, Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service and California Fish and Wildlife on trail related projects and issues.
- Maintaining existing trails and trail infrastructure, organizing trail maintenance.
- Conservation, education and protection of the natural environment
- Involving youth in the implementation of our mission by providing valuable work experience, mentorship and environmental stewardship.



## **WHO: Lompoc Hike and Bike Trails Committee**

We're a sub-committee of the Lompoc Valley Parks Recreation and Pool Foundation.

### **Lompoc Trails Committee Members:**

Dave Baker, Chair	Kim Hurd	Dan Privett
Hugo Aguiniga, Vice Chair	Alex Hernandez	Lexie Rickards
Brianna Gonzales, Secretary	Andrea Hill	Linda Rubenstein
Judi Baker, Treasurer	Kerry Kellogg	Mike Smith
Topher DeFelice	Rebecca Monte	Nichelle Wood
Ila Geis	Halli Pedersen	

**Trails User Group:** The trail user group will range from avid hikers and bicyclists to the average “weekend warrior”

**Social Media:** Many community member have expressed interest in the project and in helping as volunteers in both the initial construction and ongoing maintenance of the park. In 2021 we circulated an online petition to gauge support for our project. It gained over 1000 supporters in just 3 days. The Instagram and Facebook pages have well over 1400 followers each.

**Website:** Visit [www.LompocHikeandBike.com](http://www.LompocHikeandBike.com) or [www.LompocTrails.com](http://www.LompocTrails.com) for information on the design and planning of the park, how to volunteer, sponsorship information, and more.

**Local Sponsors:** We have many supporters who want to help fund this project with manpower, materials, equipment and cash donations. Healthy People/Healthy Trails, Dr. T's Family Chiropractic, Life Chiropractic, Wild West Pizza, Mi Amore Pizza, American Host Restaurant, Surf Connection, With An Eye Productions, and Cold Coast Brewing Company are just a few of the members of our community ready to help. The Rotary Club of Lompoc has donated \$45,000 to our project, and we have received two \$25,000 grants from the Santa Barbara Foundation. We also continue to receive donations through our Venmo account and the Iron Ranger erected at the trailhead.

**Local Partners:** We have partnered with the Santa Barbara County Trails Council, Rotary Club of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, Los Padres Forest Association (LPFA), and the Santa Barbara Foundation.



**WHAT: The Lompoc Trails Vision...**



**Vision:** We are going to develop a public trail system with multiple ability levels for all ages and skill levels..

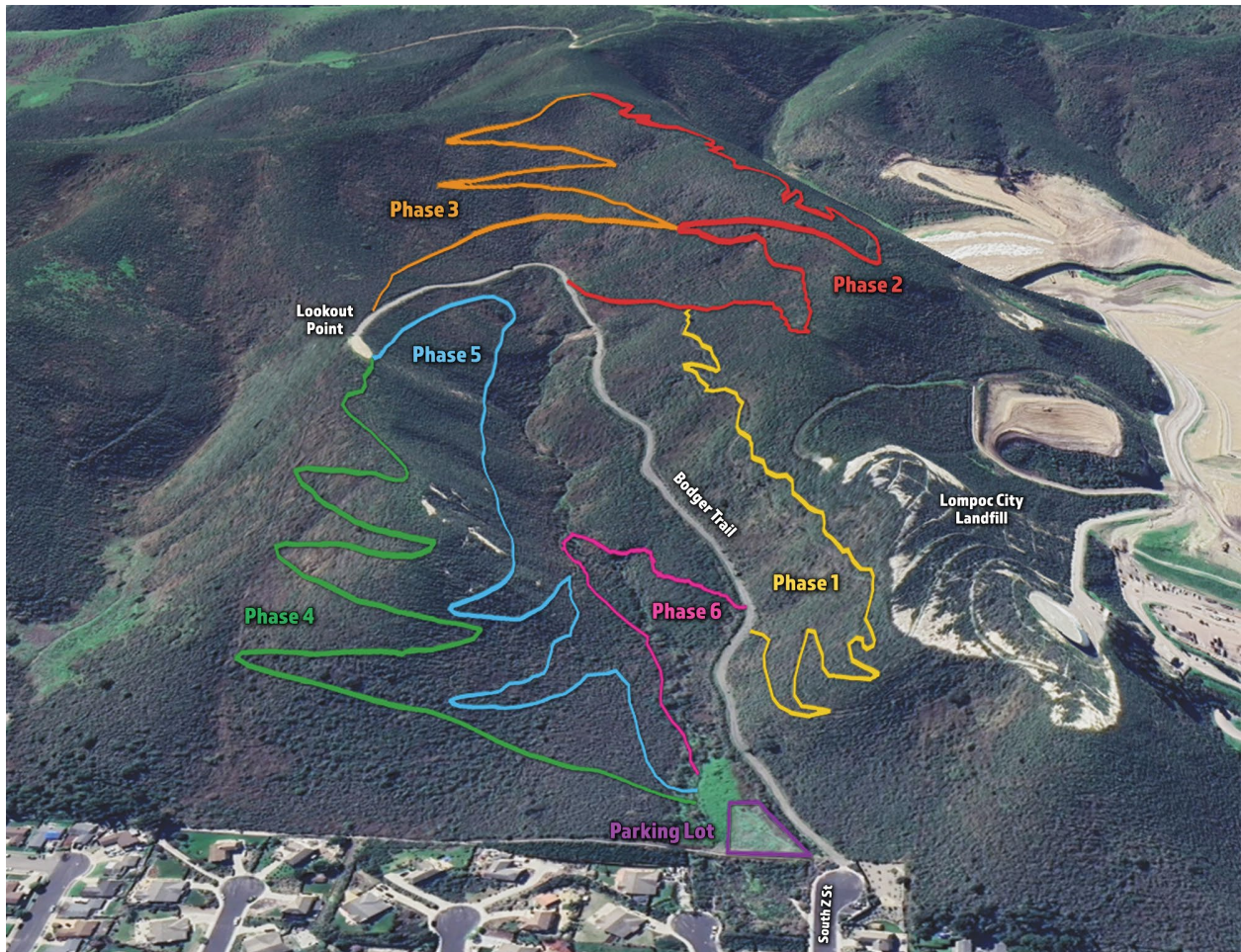
**Trails Design Elements:**

- Approx 82 acres for multiple trail systems for hikers and riders of all skills levels and abilities
- Off street parking
- Safe, family friendly park environment





**WHERE: Dead End of South Z street- LOOKOUT POINT**



*Map: showing proposed location of trails*

We will be using the ~82 acres of land on and around the existing Bodger Hill Trail.



**WHY: *The Community needs more healthy options***

Trails help create healthy recreation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe, accessible and low- or no-cost places to cycle, walk, hike or jog. Trails help people of all ages incorporate exercise into their daily routines by connecting them with places they wouldn't normally go on a normal daily basis.

The economic effects of trails within the community can be seen at local hotels, gas stations and restaurants. Not only would recreational trails bring people to the Lompoc area but having trails within our community will help people when making a decision to move to Lompoc. These trails have the potential for having positive long lasting affects for our community.

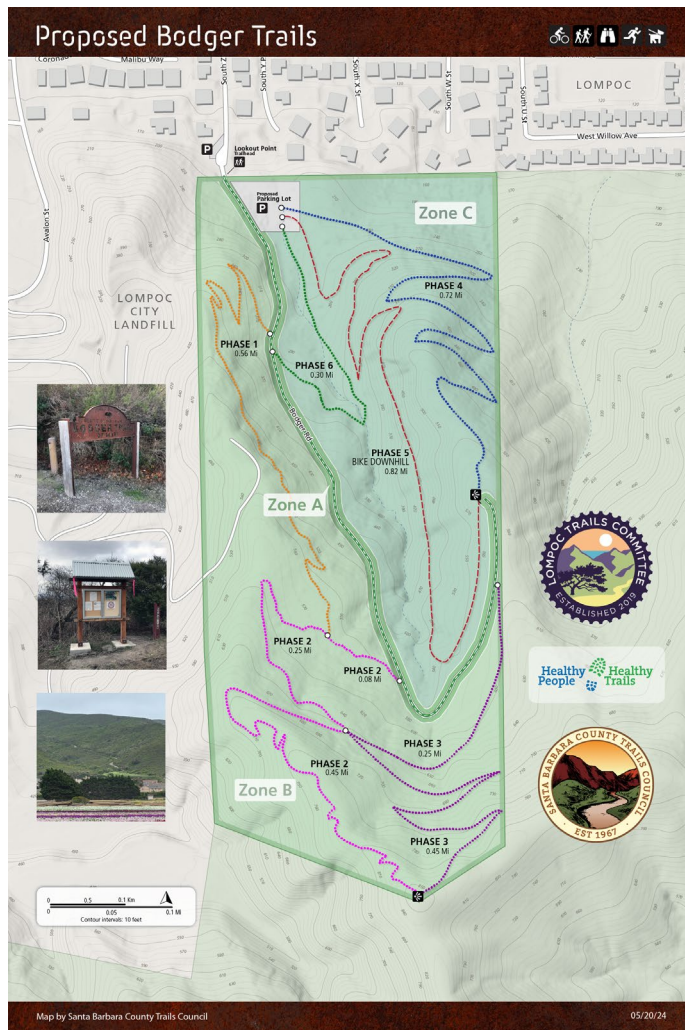
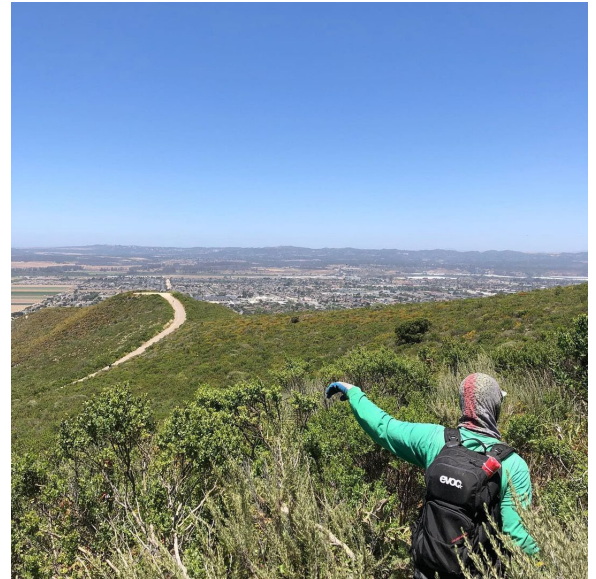
Another positive to bringing trails to Lompoc is the sense of identity or pride that they can bring to a community searching for positives within a negative environment.



# LOMPOC TRAILS HIKE AND BIKE COMMITTEE

## ***HOW: Community Designed, Built, and Maintained!***

The Lompoc Trails Committee, headed by Chair Dave Baker, will be responsible for managing the project from design through construction and ongoing maintenance.



Working with experienced trail builders and designers from the LPFA and the SB County Trails Council, the Committee has mapped out over 3 miles of trails to be constructed.





## LOMPOC TRAILS HIKE AND BIKE COMMITTEE

### **Community Fundraising**

**Program:** The committee will continue to coordinate fundraising for the park and will work to develop corporate sponsorships, coordinate grant writing, and produce direct fundraising events and merchandise to support the project.



**Ongoing Park Fundraising and Revenue Program:** The committee will coordinate and manage ongoing fundraising and park revenue program to provide ongoing financial support for park maintenance and Park Builder Program.

**Ongoing Park Operations Plan:** The committee will create a Volunteer Program for interested people to assist with maintaining the Trails. The operations plan, maintenance plan and other responsibilities will rest with these dedicated volunteers.



**WHEN: The Trails Project Timeline**

**2019**

First discussions	June 2019
Formation of Trails Committee	December 2019
Presented project concept to Crown Point HOA	December 2019

**2020**

Installed Kiosk	Jan 2020
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**2021**

Planning Workshop with City Staff/Community	April 2021
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**2022**

Began cutting Preliminary Trails	August 2022
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**2023**

Built bypass around Bodger Trail washout	July 2023
Began land survey and assessment process	August 2023

**2024**

Began negotiations with SB County	Spring 2024
Submitted application to SB County	August 2024
Begin trail construction	Fall 2024

**2025**

PROPOSED- OPENING DAY CEREMONY	TBD
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## **PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS: Risk Management,**

### **Permitting, etc.**

#### **Risk Management and Safety**

This will be an open, non supervised trail. Users will enter at their own risk. There will be signage that reads “All users will hike and bike at your own risk in accordance with Civil Code 864”. There will be access for emergency first responders to enter if needed.

**Legal Liability:** This facility will be designed to existing “best practices” and standards used by trails across the nation.

- Civil Code 846 protects landowners from liability for “performing recreational activities on private properties”. Civil Code 846 can be used as long as the Trails Committee can establish the following items to mitigate liability concerns;
- Adopts procedures and requirements intended to ensure the safety of participants.
- The park must have appropriate signage notifying the users of the potential risks involved.
- The park must be routinely inspected and maintained, and such activity must be documented.
- Cannot charge an entry fee for use.

#### **Environmental Protection, Permitting and Compliance:**

We have contracted with Meraki Land Use Consulting to guide us through the County planning and development process. Through Meraki we have obtained the services of Stone Archeological Consulting, Storrer Environmental Services, and Prober Land Surveying.

**Traffic and Parking:** We will include a parking lot into our design.



**DESIGN CONSULTANTS: *SB County Trails Council***

Our original design template was designed by Hilride Progression Development Group LLC. Since that original design we have worked with Mark Wilkerson from the Santa Barbara Trails Council to design the trail systems, and Mike Smith from LPFA to flag and layout the trails.



**NEXT STEPS: *Moving Forward***

Continue to fundraise for known and unknown costs.

Host community meetings to gather input

Obtain approval from Santa Barbara County Planning Department

Begin construction

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