

Timeline Projection

A Proposed Itinerary for Project Coordination and Development at the UM Gentry Springs Preserve

In the event that this proposal is accepted by the University of Montevallo Space Utilization Committee, the following should be recognized as an estimation of the amount of time needed to coordinate different stages of development at the UM Gentry Springs Preserve. At all possible points, this timeline has been crafted so as to be the most feasible description of all potential and desired stages of development at the site, as well as to show this project as one whose economic, educational, and ecological benefits to UM will grow in slow progression with the needs and capabilities of the University of Montevallo student, faculty, and administrative body.

Unless otherwise noted, the events described below would be coordinated by the UMEC, with the supervision and guidance of UM faculty/staff desiring to assist in the selection and formulation of the Preserve's Steering Committee.

Beginning Fall Semester, 2012:

-Project proposal in its entirety is presented by the UM Environment Club to the Space Utilization Committee.

Middle Fall Semester, 2012:

-Outreach to UM student/faculty/staff for representatives to serve on Steering Committee.
-Subsequently, present proposed Committee members to proper administrative body for approval.

From Fall/Spring Semester, 2012-2013 to Summer, 2013:

-Working with Boy/Girl Scouts of America, begin preparing selected areas of Preserve for future supervised camping, utilizing crews of volunteers and non-environmentally-damaging practices.
-Working with Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers, begin conducting on-the-ground trail elevation measuring and planning procedures for future trail system.
-Organize BUMP-supervised trainings to teach volunteer crews how to conduct sustainable trail design procedures as mentioned above.
-Explore funding opportunities for environmental education, community festivals

Fall Semester, 2013

-Begin coordinating BUMP-supervised training workshops for student/community volunteers interested in hand tool trail construction
-Organize and supervise volunteer hand construction for first phase of trail system (as indicated by Preserve Vision Map)

Spring Semester, 2014

- Finish volunteer hand construction of first phase of trail system.
- Host trail dedication ceremony, conduct first major biking/hiking race event at Preserve.
- Begin volunteer hand construction of second phase of trail system.
- Explore opportunities with Shelby County DOT, courts to outsource all newly-constructed trail's required periodic maintenance.

Summer, 2014

- Finish volunteer hand construction of second phase of trail system.
- Conduct public dedication ceremony, competition event for newly-constructed trails.
- Work with BUMP to organize, craft funding request packet to multiple state, federal, and non-profit agencies to support continued conservation/trail creation projects at Preserve.
- Follow-up with established sources or volunteer crews to provide regular maintenance to existing trails.

Fall, 2014

- Begin and finish volunteer hand construction of third phase of trail system.
- Conduct public dedication ceremony, competition event for newly-constructed trails.
- Continue to connect educational courses, local/regional festival opportunities to Preserve

Spring, 2015

- Begin and finish volunteer hand construction of fourth phase of trail system.
- Conduct public dedication ceremony, competition event for newly-constructed trails.

Summer, 2015

- Begin and finish volunteer hand construction of fifth phase of trails system.
- Conduct public dedication ceremony, competition event for finalized trail system.

Ongoing

- Per-semester competitions, festivals, and educational resourcing.
- UMEC coordinated trail maintenance schedules.