

MEMO

To: Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee  
From: Charlie O'Leary, Executive Director, Santa Fe Conservation Trust  
Re: Request for Support to build a Soft-Surface Trail connecting the Dog Park to La Tierra Trails  
Date: July 16, 2015

Dear BTAC:

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT), acting as the City's Trail Volunteer Coordinator under our Professional Services Agreement with the City of Santa Fe, requests a modest level of city support through BTAC for the construction of an approximately 0.7-mile long, single-track soft-surface trail to provide a connection to La Tierra Trails from the Frank S. Ortiz "Dog Park."

This connection is called for by the La Tierra Trails Master Plan as well as the Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan (BMP). Possible sources of funding include (1) remaining funds for implementation of the La Tierra Trails Master Plan or (2) any other 2012 Parks and Trails bond funding that remains for this project, which is classified as a "Phase A" connection under the BMP (p. 97, Map 7).

SFCT proposes to design and build this trail with the assistance of volunteer labor. The project would require financial support for survey work, archaeological review and remediation, and materials including gates, signage, and posts. A proposed budget is as follows:

Proposed Budget\*

Survey	2500
Archaeology	2500
Materials**	3500
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	8500

\* - does not reflect value of volunteer labor and project management by SFCT

\*\* - E.g., entrance gates, wayfinding and interpretive signage

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Re: Written Report on City Trail Volunteer Coordinator Activities  
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Dear BTAC:

Per your request, I am providing a written account of activities in June 2015 by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, acting as the City's Trail Volunteer Coordinator under our Professional Services Agreement with the City of Santa Fe. The following page lists activities for the City in June by task area, followed by links to our web site with photos and descriptions of each event in June. As an example, I am also attaching the web site material for one of our hikes for City Summer Camps.

This month, we are continuing to hold work days and field trips on Dale Ball Trails and connecting trails, and focusing on development of the following projects:

- Replacing Dale Ball Trails signage: Meeting with City staff on this topic on July 10
- La Tierra Trails Connection from Dog Park (see other memo regarding budget request)
- Grand Unified Trails System: Our work on "GUTS" is funded separately from the City PSA, but we will work through BTAC, City staff, and elected officials to pursue support of the GUTS "Partnership Agreement" and more specific GUTS initiatives as they are developed.

Thank you for your support of our work to build, maintain, improve, and promote Santa Fe's trails.

## SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST

### VOLUNTEER TRAIL COORDINATOR REPORTING FOR JUNE 2015

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	NOTES
<b>1) <u>NEEDS ASSESSMENT</u></b>	Outing with volunteers on Dale Ball North and Central to review last year's work and plan this year's work, coordinate Dale Ball work plans with those of TAOSF volunteers, field visit to Sun Mountain Trailhead regarding parking and signage
<b>2) <u>RESEARCH AND FUNDING</u></b>	Discussion with Santa Fe County Horse Coalition and research regarding STEP grant
<b>3) <u>STEWARD RECRUITMENT</u></b>	Publicity for Dale Ball Trails work days including e-mails and web postings on SFCT and TAOSF web sites; respond to inquiries and add to volunteer database; respond to Chicago inquiry
<b>4) <u>TRAIL MAINTENANCE</u></b>	Review, add to, re-compile and report on Flow Trail volunteer hours; prepare for and lead Dale Ball North work days on June 17 and 25
<b>5) <u>TRAINING &amp; EDUCATION</u></b>	
<b>6) <u>COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROMOTION</u></b>	Publicize, participate in, and/or lead community events for National Trails Day including La Piedra sign celebration (June 5) and South Side Community Cruise (June 6); interview on KSFR; follow up on Community Cruise; finishing touches, coordinate with printer, pick up and distribute Passport to Santa Fe's Trails; prepare for and lead two City Summer Camper field trips (6/9, 6/23); discussion with NM DCA regarding Creative Communities conference in November
<b>7) <u>CITY CONTACTS</u></b>	Research and report on Flow Trail volunteers for Muchas Gracias certificates; E-mails regarding Camino Cruz Blanca Trail, Sun Mtn Trailhead, bike lanes; BTAC (6/17); BTAC On-Roads Subcommittee discussion and meet with John Romero (6/24); BTAC 2008 Bond Audit ride (6/25); communication with Santa Fe Watershed Association regarding GUTS and planned Cerro Gordo trailhead connection; review Canada Ancha with Melissa McDonald; conversation with BTAC regarding Arroyo Chamiso / Richards to Richards connection
<b>8) <u>PLANNING/COORDINATION</u></b>	Coordination/discussion/input regarding bike lanes, MRC Soccer Valley, Montezuma/Cerrillos/Galisteo intersection, Richards-to-Richards trail connection; prepare draft budget and memo to BTAC relating to La Tierra Trails Dog Park connection
<b>9) <u>REPORTS</u></b>	Write up May tasks; web material on May and June events; fixes and additions to earlier web material

For more information and photos, please see the following references on the SFCT web site:

[La Piedra Trail Interpretive Sign, May 21 & June 5, 2015](#)

[Railyard Community Cruise, June 6, 2015](#)

[Field Trip to Dale Bale Trails South with City Summer Campers, June 9, 2015](#)

[Dale Ball North Work Days, June 17 & 25, 2015](#)

[Field Trip to Dale Bale Trails North with City Summer Campers, June 23, 2015](#)

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## Field Trip to Dale Bale Trails with City Summer Campers, June 23, 2015

Eight City Summer Campers and two counselors from the Genoveva Chavez Community Center made their way north from the “corral” trailhead to the La Piedra Trail on June 23. Hiking kits provided with support from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation included hats, packs, water bottles, sunscreen, and a compass for each new camper.

This group was the first field trip to visit the new La Piedra interpretive sign, and they did not stop there.

After descending down to the Arroyo de la Piedra, the group headed up the arroyo to a shady spot, beyond where any previous field trips had gone. (...But not quite up and

over to the Little Tesuque Creek, which they would visit later in the day, by van, for some water sampling.)



Lunch in the shade by the Arroyo de la Piedra



At the La Piedra interpretive sign. There's always a wise guy; sometimes there are two!



Safety first! A camper shows off his first-aid kit, along with the cool hiking pack provided through support of the S.L. Gimbel Foundation

Each camper also received a copy of the [Passport to Santa Fe's Foothill Trails](#), and a sticker to put onto the page for “Dale Ball Trails North.” A couple of campers received stickers for last week’s trip to Dale Ball Trails South, as well – putting them halfway toward completing the passport for a prize.

