

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Advisory Committee (LAC) Comments on the 2008 LVRTC Management Plan (approved by vote of the LAC).

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2	1.1 Mission and Vision	Repeated mention of this trail for “the elderly and persons with disabilities can enjoy more leisurely endeavors”, though there is apparently no language that insures that this will be built to allow the elderly and disabled to enjoy full utilization.	add text to Executive Summary and/or Mission and Vision: “All work on the trail will be in compliance with the requirements and guidelines as established by applicable sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act.”
7	2.1 Additional History and Definition	Need to update reference to lease and its inclusion with the MP. The lease should be included as an appendix of the MP.	
10	4.1B. LVRTC Membership	Membership on the LVRTC is given to a representative of the Vermont ATV Sportsman’s Association, despite the lack of ability of that group to use the trail. The only possible justification for this (and the one given) is for discussion of illegal use of the trail by ATVS, a “high visibility problem”. VASA representation can certainly be appointed by VAST/LVRTC if they so wish, but is not an appropriate DESIGNATED member of the LVRTC.	Delete VASA from list of LVRTC members. Remove footnote 3.
10	4.1B. LVRTC Membership	There should be a process for adjoining landowners to nominate their own representative to the LVRTC, rather than having the candidate vetted only by LVRTC and VAST. Something akin to how non-motorized reps are put forward by their respective groups.	Add text on plans for a Landowner Summit - responsibility of LVRTC.
13	4.1 F. LVRTC Meetings	The LVRTC needs to follow ALL provisions of Vermont’s Open Meeting Laws. For instance, currently the MP does not hold the LVRTC to the Open Meeting requirements of minutes.	"The LVRTC shall operate as a public body, following all rules of Vermont open meeting statutes."
14	4.2 LAC		The first sentence of this section should read “The three participating Regional Planning Commissions, those of Caledonia, Lamoille and Franklin County, shall organize the LAC as a stand-alone committee governed by its own articles of association and by-laws.”
14	4.2 LAC		Remove text: "...which shall be approved by the LVRTC and VAST Board of Directors."

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14	4.2A. LAC Membership - Business owners.	The process to choose business owners should be clarified for optimal collaboration.	Remove text: "...as identified by Chambers of Commerce and/or Development Corporations." and ADD TEXT: "...selected collaboratively by Chambers of Commerce and Development Corporations and including other business interests in the region."
15	5.0 Trail Uses	There needs to be more clarity about what trail users and landowners can expect in terms of firearms possession on the trail. What is legal? What will be encouraged?	Add text on the steps that LVRTC/VAST plan to take: (1) clarify what is legal on the trail, (2) pursue clarifications in law with legislature, if needed, and (3) include signage on etiquette of firearm possession on the trail.
15	5.0 Trail Uses	Discussion of the overall trail speed limit not just for snowmobiles) is missing from the document.	"35 mph is the general trail speed limit with the possibility for lower limits to be determined by individual municipalities. VAST/LVRTC will be responsible for installing appropriate signs."
18	8.0 Hours of Operation f) snowmobile.	Snowmobile hours are excessive and should be decreased slightly in the interest of fairness to adjacent landowners and limiting complaints and conflicts.	"Snowmobiling is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM."
19	8.0 Hours of Operation f) snowmobile.	Trail groomers, while necessary, present just as much of a need for management as snowmobiles.	"Snow trail groomers will follow the same hours as snowmobiles."
75 and 77	Appendices A and B: Concerns Flowchart and Concerns Protocol.	These complaint protocol materials are outdated. The Trail Issues Subcommittee is currently not being used. Need to update with new process. Also, it isn't clear that receipts and responses have been submitted to complainants as required. VAST's ability to staff this process should be reviewed before it is published in the revised MP.	Remove mention of the Trail Issues Subcommittee.