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## TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

### Parks, Open Space and Trails Committee (POST)

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

By Teleconference

**Basalt Town Hall**

**101 Midland Avenue**

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| <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>1. Call to Order</b>  |
| <b>4:03</b>    | <b>2. Approve Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ May 25, 2022</li></ul>   |
| <b>4:05</b>    | <b>3. Basalt River Park Restroom/Bus Shelter</b>   |
| <b>4:15</b>    | <b>4. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers 2022 Work Plan</b>   |
| <b>4:40</b>    | <b>5. Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reed Street Park</li><li>• Willits Linear Park</li><li>• E-Bike Regulations</li><li>• Trail Between Riverside Drive and Mountain Court</li><li>• POST Master Plan Discussion</li></ul> |
| <b>5:25</b>    | <b>6. POST Member Comments and Questions</b>   |
| <b>5:30</b>    | <b>7. Adjourn</b>  |

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. Those who wish to speak should email [james.lindt@basalt.net](mailto:james.lindt@basalt.net) before the meeting starts with their name, phone number, and identify what item they would like to address. During the meeting those wishing to comment may also email [james.lindt@basalt.net](mailto:james.lindt@basalt.net), but it is not guaranteed that the email will be seen in a timely fashion.

POST Meeting Minutes

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**WORKSESSION**

The Chair Jason Groves opened the meeting at 4:02 PM.

Members present included Chair Jason Groves, Julie Kolar, Paul Hilts, Reid Haughey, and Sarah Shaw. Absent members were Carol Hawk and Aimee Beazley.

Staff present included Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Planning Director; James Lindt, Assistant Planning Director; Chris Beiser, Arborist and Horticulturist; and Alec Sloan, Planning Analyst.

Others Present: None

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Minutes**

M/S by Paul and Reid to approve May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Chris Beiser: Park Projects Updates**

Chris Beiser discussed parks that need to be better maintained. These include Wildwood Park, Willits Lane Trail, and Linear Park. Approval from POST is necessary to start these projects as the funds will come from the POST budget.

Chris started with Wildwood Park and brought to attention two areas that need Cottonwood work. The goal is to prune the trees for safety while keeping the natural canopy intact to preserve wildlife habitat and shade for park visitors. Chris was quoted between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 for the work and was told it would be a two- or three-day operation. Currently the park and trees are maintained on an as needed basis, but Chris would like to use this as preventative maintenance in order to keep the park safe during adverse weather conditions. The work will take place in the winter months as the trees will be easier and safer to work on.

The second maintenance project Chris described was Cottonwood work along the trail on Willits Lane south of Evans Road. Chris noted there are safety concerns for pedestrians using the trail. Chris noted the intent is not to remove all of the trees as they are native to Colorado, but some will require removal due to safety concerns. Brush removal is also required and Chris favors replanting native plants along the trail between the selected large Cottonwood trees. Crane work and road closures are needed for the improvements and Chris was quoted for the work at between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Consideration of asking Parcel 5 for assistance in the cost was mentioned.

The third project is in Linear Park in Willits. Chris noted the irrigation system needs to be largely redone to improve the lawn and reduce water usage. Chris described the coyote willows in the park as a major complaint from the surrounding neighborhoods and suggested masticating the willows and not removing

them. Due to the critical bird habitat created by the coyote willows, Chris would like to wait for the birds to move out in the fall before cutting the coyote willows down. This would not kill the willows but would make them manageable and keep a maintained look. Chris received a quote for this at \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00, and the work would take place mid-day when residents are away so the sound of the machines do not disturb them. The HOA's need to be on board, and this will require approval from POST. Another area in the park that needs improvement is the area where people enter the dog area. Chris suggested stairs would be a nice addition and would reduce wear on the turf and soil and make the entrance safer for users.

Paul Hilts gave accolades to Chris for the presentation and the completion of the tree rings throughout town. Paul noted support for the projects Chris suggested. Jason also supported the projects proposed and noted the importance of the area HOA's to approve the coyote willow management project. Sarah also supported the projects proposed and noted that Spruce trees along Park Modern will benefit from the proposed Cottonwood area maintenance. Julie also supported the projects proposed and requested that maintenance in the Wildwood Park continue the style and layout of the park so as not create an imposed manicured effect. Chris mentioned that with approval from POST, he would submit budget line items in the 2023 budget.

### **E-Bikes**

James Lindt noted concerns regarding E-bikes were noted by Aimee Beazley. Issues of rule and regulation conformity across the valley were questioned by members. Due to the absence of the member who submitted the concern being absent, the discussion was paused.

### **Trail Maintenance**

Paul Hilts brought up the connector trail between Mountain Court and Riverside Avenue. Paul uses the trail frequently and says the path could use work. Trevor LaLonde said he can do some "band-aid" maintenance and that permanent fixes can be discussed later.

### **Reed Street Park**

This agenda topic was pushed to the next meeting.

### **POST Master Plan**

James Lindt brought up the POST Master Plan and asked members to comment on what the next step is for either creating a new one or revising the current one. Alec Sloan introduced a first draft of the Implementation Matrix for the Master Plan that had been discussed in the Plan but not included. The Matrix describes goals of the Master Plan, what has been achieved and comments on where the projects stand, as well as new obligations since the creation of the Master Plan. Jason Groves suggested that Trails are added to the Matrix along with budgetary items associated with each park, trail, and project. Reid Haughey and Paul Hilts were in favor of keeping the current Master Plan and spending the funds elsewhere, namely trails and paths in town. Julie asked for a timeline and further clarification of what has been done, what is not budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and what is in the CIP to help the group reconsider priorities. Sarah suggested the committee consider the bigger picture of connections between Willits & Old Town and the growing population demands on trails. The committee

discussed a future work session to consider POST priorities and emphasized the idea of spending money on projects rather than drafting a new master plan.

**POST Member Comments:**

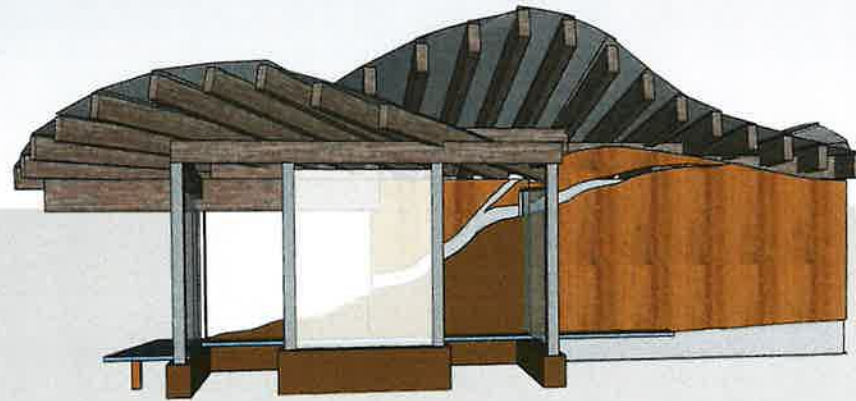
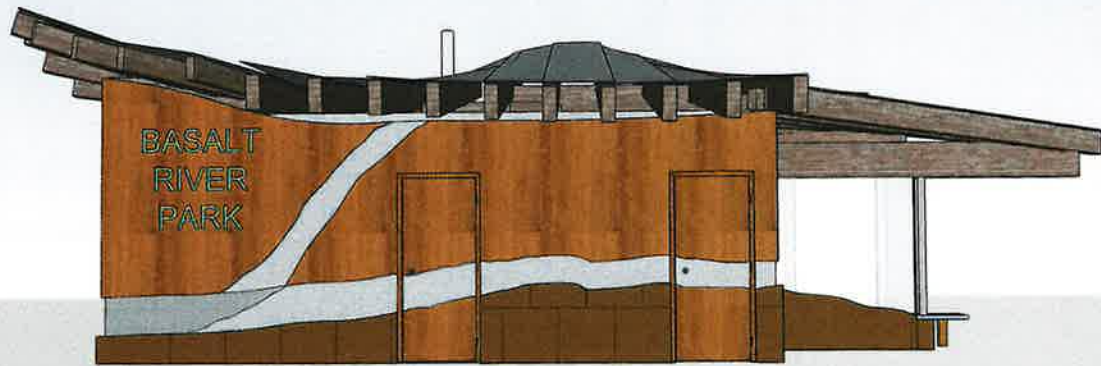
Reid suggested modifying the groups recent recommendation to P&Z regarding the BCC Application, asking that the recommendation include language that the development will increase impact on existing parks. Members did not agree that such a revision was necessary.

Paul asked when the bike lanes along Two Rivers Road would be repainted. James suggested after the Pitkin County improvement project to the Whitewater Park is completed. Paul agreed.

Sarah noted the boat put-in area at Duroux Park needs traffic calming. James mentioned a future Master Plan for Willits Lane and asked if POST generally supported this idea.

**Next Board meeting set for Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:00PM, via zoom link.**

5:15PM Meeting Adjourned



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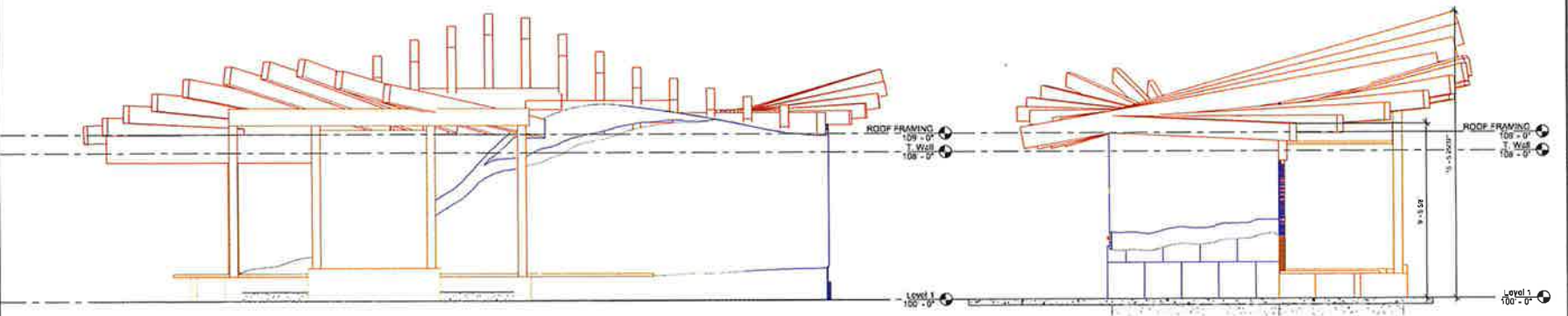
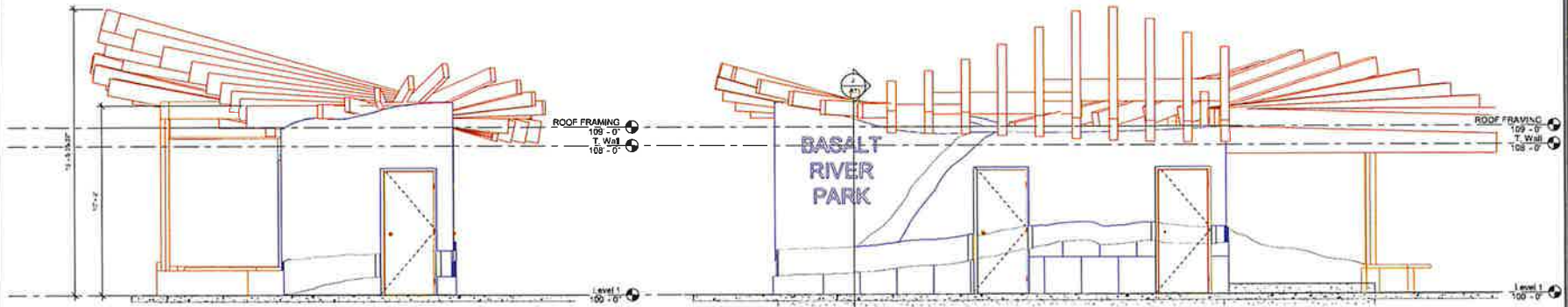




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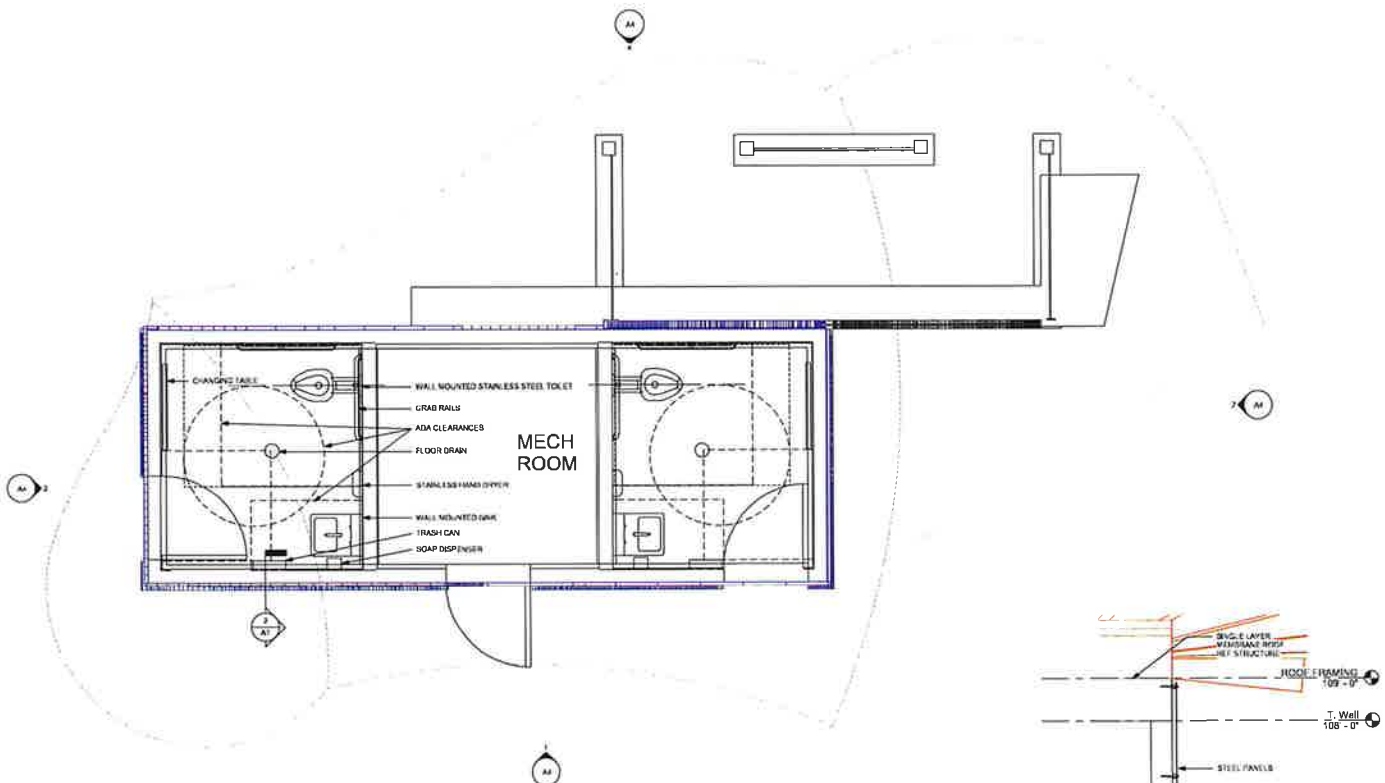
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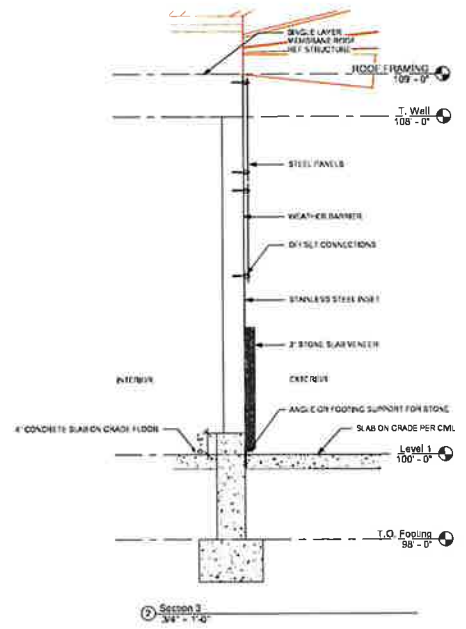
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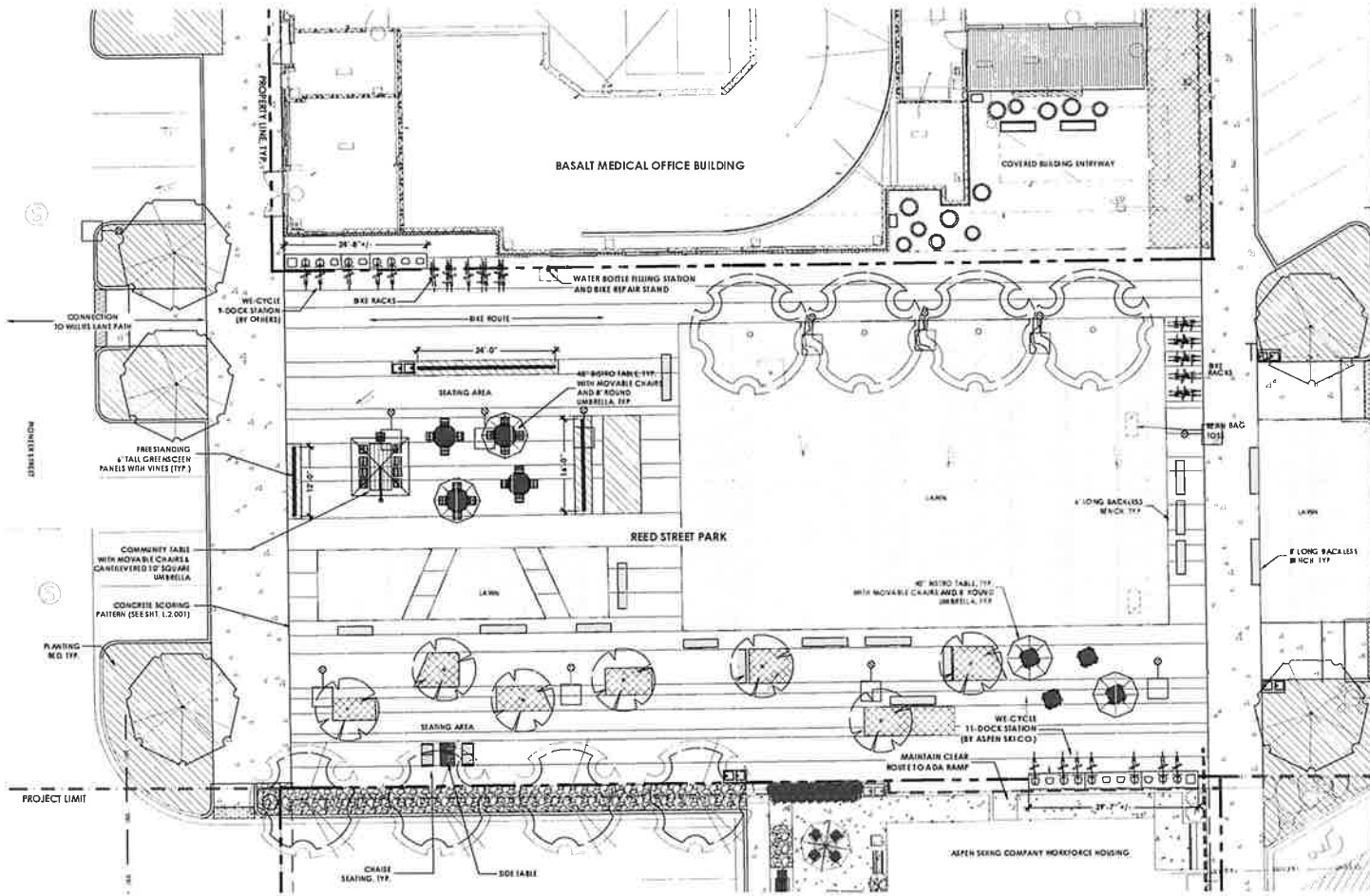
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- PROSPECTOR ELM

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- PLANTING BED WITH STRUCTURAL SOILS (SEE CIVIL)
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- U-SHAPED BIKE RACK 36" SPACING
- PLANTERS
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- NOTES**
- 1) ALL SITE FURNISHINGS SHALL BE METAL OR RECYCLED PLASTIC. NO WOOD PRODUCTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN OF BASALT.
  - 2) FOR TREE QUANTITIES AND COMPLETE PROJECT PLANS, SEE SHEET 2.001.
  - 3) STREET AND SITE LIGHTING SHOWN ON PLANS IS BY OTHERS.
  - 4) SEE PLUMBING DESIGN OR ANNEXES FOR WATER SOURCE AND DRAIN FOR WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION.



## **Pitkin County E-Bike Requirements**

**E-BIKE REGULATIONS:** Pitkin County allows Class 1, pedal-assist e-bikes on paved trails plus the gravel East of Aspen Trail and the gravel section of the Rio Grande Trail. E-bike use, and other motorized uses, are **NOT** permitted on any singletrack trail on Pitkin County's open spaces. A Class 1 bike must be pedaled in order to operate and has a maximum speed of 20 mph. E-bike use is permitted on roads where motorized travel is allowed.

## **Rio Grande Trail E-Bike Requirements**

Class I and Class II E-Bikes are allowed on the Rio Grande Trail between Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs and the Pitkin County line at Emma Road in Basalt. Only Class 1 E-Bikes are allowed from Emma Road to Aspen.

**ALSO:** E-Bikes are **NOT** allowed to be loaded on the RFTA bus bike racks. They are too heavy and bulky for the racks.

## **City of Aspen E-Bike Requirements**

- Aspen's paved trails are open to class I and class II e-bikes.
- E-bikes are prohibited on singletrack trails