

BDS Architects and Corvus Design Landscape Architecture and Planning have been contracted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks to develop a Trails and Greenways plan for the lower west portion of the UAF campus (see map below for our project area). The purpose of the plan will be to prioritize improvements and the preservation and connection of open spaces and greenways in the general area of Lower West Ridge Campus, with a focus on supporting recreational uses, pedestrian pathways, and areas of cultural/historical significance.

The general area of study includes, but is not limited to, the open areas surrounding the Wood Center, Student Recreational Center (SRC), Butrovich/IAB Greenhouse Hill, Troth Yeddha, Museum of the North, Townshend Point, and Botanical Gardens/Farm. Special attention will be paid to the Chancellor's Trail Initiative (West Ridge to Main Campus Trail), the adaptation of Cutler Apartment Complex to undergraduate housing, and the connections between campus and off-campus nodes, like the Cold Climate Housing Research Center and Sustainable Village.

Our approximate outreach plan and draft schedule:

- Early October, 2012 - Administrative Meeting/Project Kick off
- November 18th - 22nd, 2013 – Discovery Week
 - BDS Architects and Corvus Design will lead a week-long series of meetings and workshops with committees, stakeholder groups, and important UAF staff to determine the desires and needs for this part of campus. This will include individual meetings with each group as well as larger workshops including representatives from all groups.
- December 2013 – January 2014 – Draft Report Development
 - BDS Architects and Corvus Design will develop a draft plan
- Early Spring 2014 – Draft Plan Presentation and Review
 - BDS Architects and Corvus Design will present the draft plan to committees and stakeholders allowing for review and comment period
- Spring 2014 – Final Plan for Trails and Greenways complete

What we need from you:

- With the goal of streamlining the data collection phase of this project, we request that you identify a spokesperson for your group. This person will act as a point of contact for the team, will be responsible for communication to the group they represent, will attend meetings where single representation is desired, and will bring forward the voice of the group as needed.
- Please also take a moment to fill out the attached survey and corresponding maps. Bring these with you to your Discovery Week meeting.
- Please work with us to schedule a time to meet during our Discovery Week.

