



**30+ Miles
of Possible
New Trail**

Western Slope Trails Plan

**New
overlooks &
beginner
loops**

**Jumps &
gravity
descents**

**Enhanced
Navigation**

**Climbing
trail to the
ridge top**

**Hiker
amenities**

**Extra
challenge
line
options**

**Cross
country
rock
gardens**

**And so
much
more...**



Why a Trails Plan?

MEET COMMUNITY DEMAND

Over 1,000 voices shared their hopes and requests for the Western Slope trails. From black-diamond downhills to kid-friendly loops, from valley viewsheds to challenging rock gardens, from jogging routes to climbing trails, we know our community is growing and hungry for more.

GROW PARTNERSHIPS

Public access to the Western Slope is made possible by a more-than-30 years partnership between Massanutten Resort and the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition. Crafting a Trails Plan together allows us to share goals, strategies, and investments for the next 30+ years.

WELCOME NEW VISITORS

The past decade has seen an explosion in visitation from riders, runners, and walkers at the Western Slope. The Trails Plan will ensure that these beloved trails can sustainably grow with and for the flourishing community that visits them.



CATALYZE MAJOR EXPANSIONS

With 30 miles of trail already on the ground, ridgelines remain for building new tread. Major expansions within the existing footprint and south of Del Webb Drive require improved navigation, flow, and sustainable design to incorporate new trails.

CREATE NEW POSSIBILITIES

A Trails Plan provides a map of possible solutions to community needs and requests.

But building out the terrain? That requires all of us. We hope this Trails Plan opens up new possibilities, expands our shared visions, and engages a new generation of Western Slope stewards.

Lets get started.

History & Future of

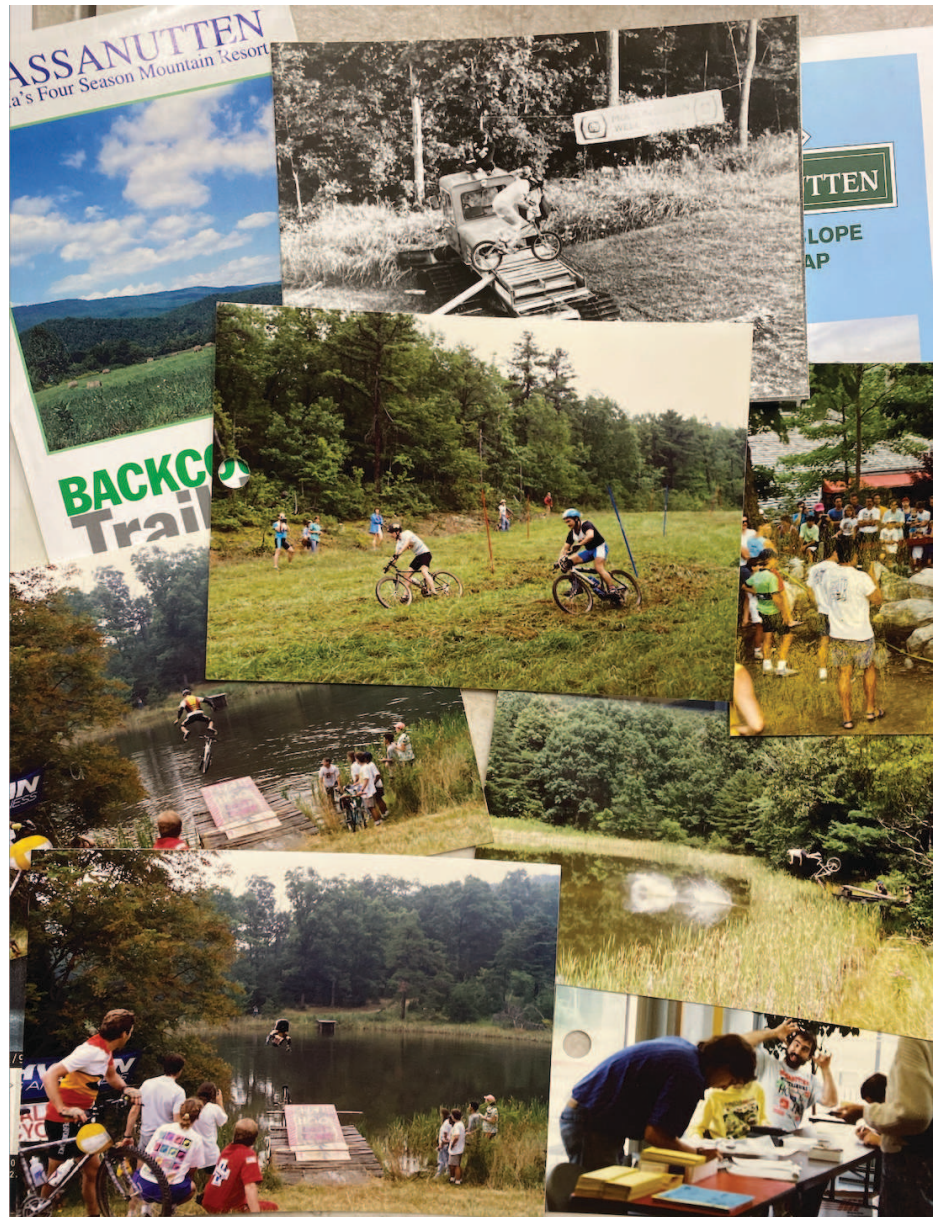
30+ Year Partnership

Like our beloved mountain ecologies, the Western Slope Trails System grows out of truly symbiotic relationships.

Massanutten Resort owns the land. The Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition builds and maintains the trails. Trail visitors, through both volunteer trail work and a Trail Pass program, contribute to the cost of trail building and maintenance.

Together, we've reached the following milestones:

- In 1989, the inaugural Hoo-Ha Mountain Bike Race launched the partnership between the Resort and the Bicycle Coalition.
- Volunteers who built trails by hand were the original riders along the Western Slope ridge line.
- Building the Trail Pass program provided a revenue stream for the trail system, creating a community of trail supporters.
- In 2000, with visitor support through the Trail Pass program, the first machine-built trails were completed.
- Organized group rides began welcoming beginners and regulars to the Western Slope trails.
- Years of weekly trail work events built on each other, creating new trail and expanding the routes.
- With almost 30 miles of trail on the Western Slope and a new Skills Kitchen, visitation explodes. This local gem is discovered.
- The Western Slope Trails Team forms to coordinate volunteer trail work and plan for future trail expansions.



Historic photos collected by Kenny Hess of Massanutten Resort.

the Western Slope



Forging New Possibilities

Today, the Trails Plan represents a leap forward in trails and partnership building, forging a win-win alliance that benefits our growing community of riders, joggers, hikers, hunters, strollers, residents, and more.

“We’re incredibly proud of our partnership with the Bicycle Coalition. The Western Slope trails are a way for the Resort to give back to our local community, providing the kind of destination-worthy, deep-outdoor adventure that is unmatched within many hours drive, yet with the feel of an outstanding community park.”

— Matthias Smith, Executive Vice President at The Resorts Companies

“The Western Slope Trails system is made possible through a unique and special partnership between the Coalition and the Resort. This trails plan will guide us to improve and expand this magical trail system. We are now better equipped to welcome a new generation of riders while growing the incredible backcountry experience”

— Thomas Jenkins, Chair of the Western Slope Team & Board Member of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition



What's Included?

Projects for Everyone

Navigation & Wayfinding

Trail Hubs & Signage

Beginner & Skill-Building Trails

Stacked Loops

Full Mountain Access

Intermediate & Advanced Downhill

New Downhill Flow

Steep From-the-Top Runs

Sessionable Jump Trails

Climbing Trail

Alternative Lines & Rock Gardens

Runner & Hiker Amenities

Round-the-Mountain Cross County Expansions

Roll Out Timeline and Process

Partners and Contributors

PROJECT: TRAIL HUBS

GOAL

Improve Navigation

Fewer than 1 in 4 visitors report that “Navigating the Western Slope is easy for me,” with 750 survey respondents benefiting from more intuitive navigation. But results also suggest we must preserve the “choose your own adventure” vibe with diverse loops and trail variety, helping first and longtime visitors more easily discover and navigate new terrain.

STRATEGY

Trail Hubs provide memorable gathering spots, with overlooks, kiosk signage, skills features, and benches. Fit to the local topography, these named locations help visitors orient to the mountain and group rides reconvene easily. Combining back-to-back intersections into singular hubs, they enhance flow and the overall trail experience.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Beginner Destinations: A new westward-facing overlook at Hub 7 will provide a viewshed destination within the lower terrain, serving more novice visitors and provide a sense of accomplishment on shorter outings. This plus the Pond (Hub 6) and Hub 8 will demarcate a transition for advanced riders entering the lower trails from higher on the mountain, where they are more likely to interact with less skilled riders and gentler terrain.

High Mountain Hubs will provide destination overlooks, clear signage, gathering locations, and trail information for riders seeking to select skill and interest appropriate trails from the upper ridge line. They will also assist in directing hiking traffic to and from Kaylor’s Knob while mitigating user conflict.

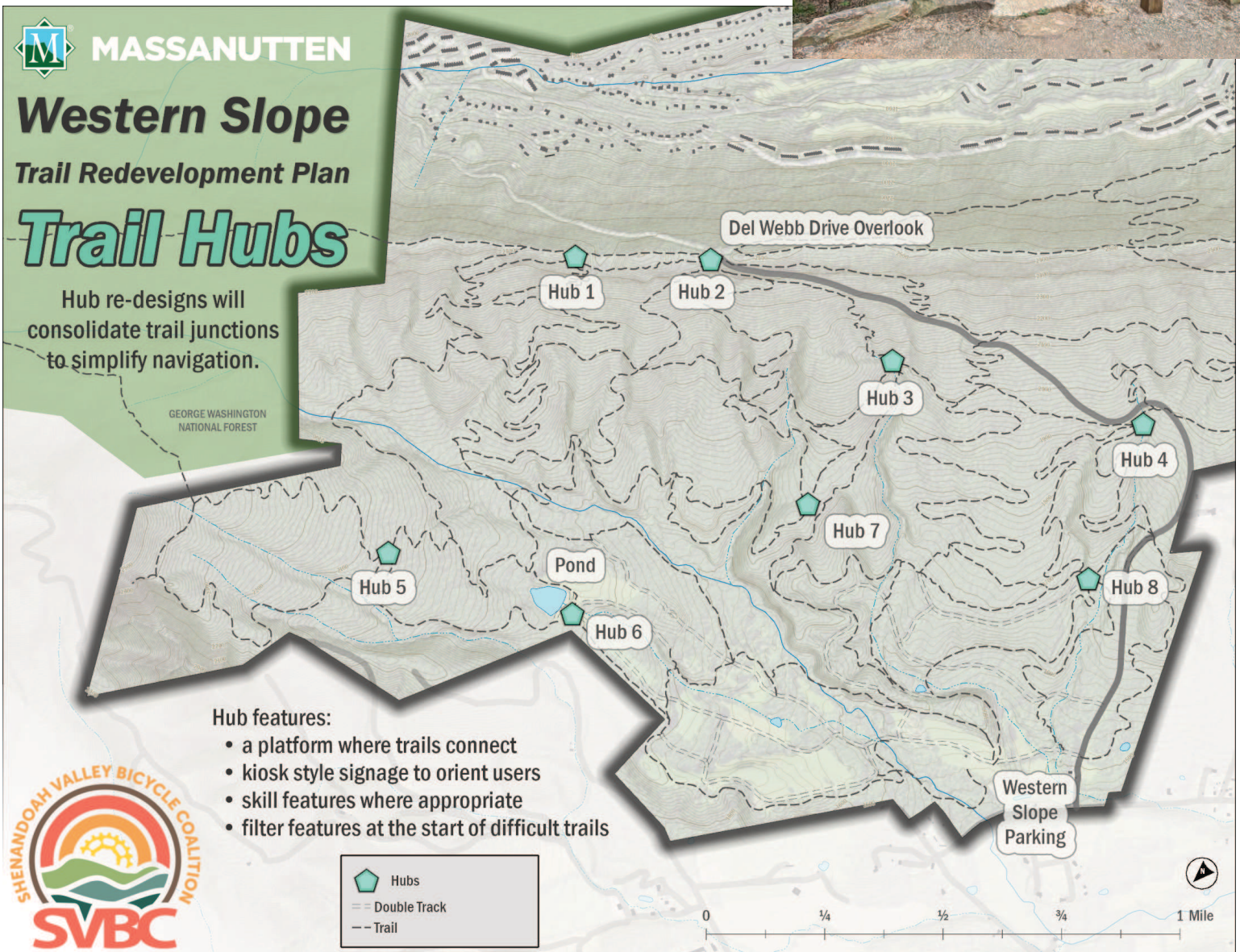


Photo by Eli Glesmann/Rock Solid Trail Contracting via IMBA.

Choice + Navigation

Anchoring hubs onto the existing trail system to aid visitor orientation, combining and streamlining existing trail intersections to reduce unnecessary and redundant intersections, and routing new trail construction into the hubs, all work to preserve and enhance route flexibility while improving the navigability of the trails. Hubs can also enhance related goals such as enabling downhill sessioning and the creation of nested loops.

Unique amenities such as swings, sweeping views, bike tools, and hangout benches will come to define each hub. Hubs will be provided unique names as they are built, creating memorable and easy-to-refer to destinations on the mountain.



PROJECT: GREEN LOOPS

GOAL

Welcome Beginners & Skill Builders

70% of local survey respondents considering visiting the Western Slope requested more beginner-friendly trails. Meet the needs of families, beginner riders, aging riders, and skill-building visitors with fun and memorable trails.

STRATEGY

Build stacked loops within the lower terrain, providing complete experiences and memorable destinations for shorter, mid-sized, or scaled-up adventure. Construct a new overlook to provide a viewshed destination for skill-building riders, while continuing to feature Hensley's Pond as a beloved beginner achievement.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Complete Excursions: A total of 7 miles of trail will be spread across multiple stacked loops, providing the type of route flexibility and ride options currently only available to more advanced riders. Connecting existing beginner trails with new trail construction will create complete experiences and avoid stranding new riders above their skillsets.

Friendly Terrain: With challenging rocks and steep terrain forming the enduring character of the Western Slope, the Green Loops are located along a contour line no higher than Hensley's Pond. This will provide beginners access to new viewsheds, destinations, and in-forest single track while keeping trail steepness accessible and fun. No other portion of the Western Slope ridge offers a similar option for these style of trail experiences.

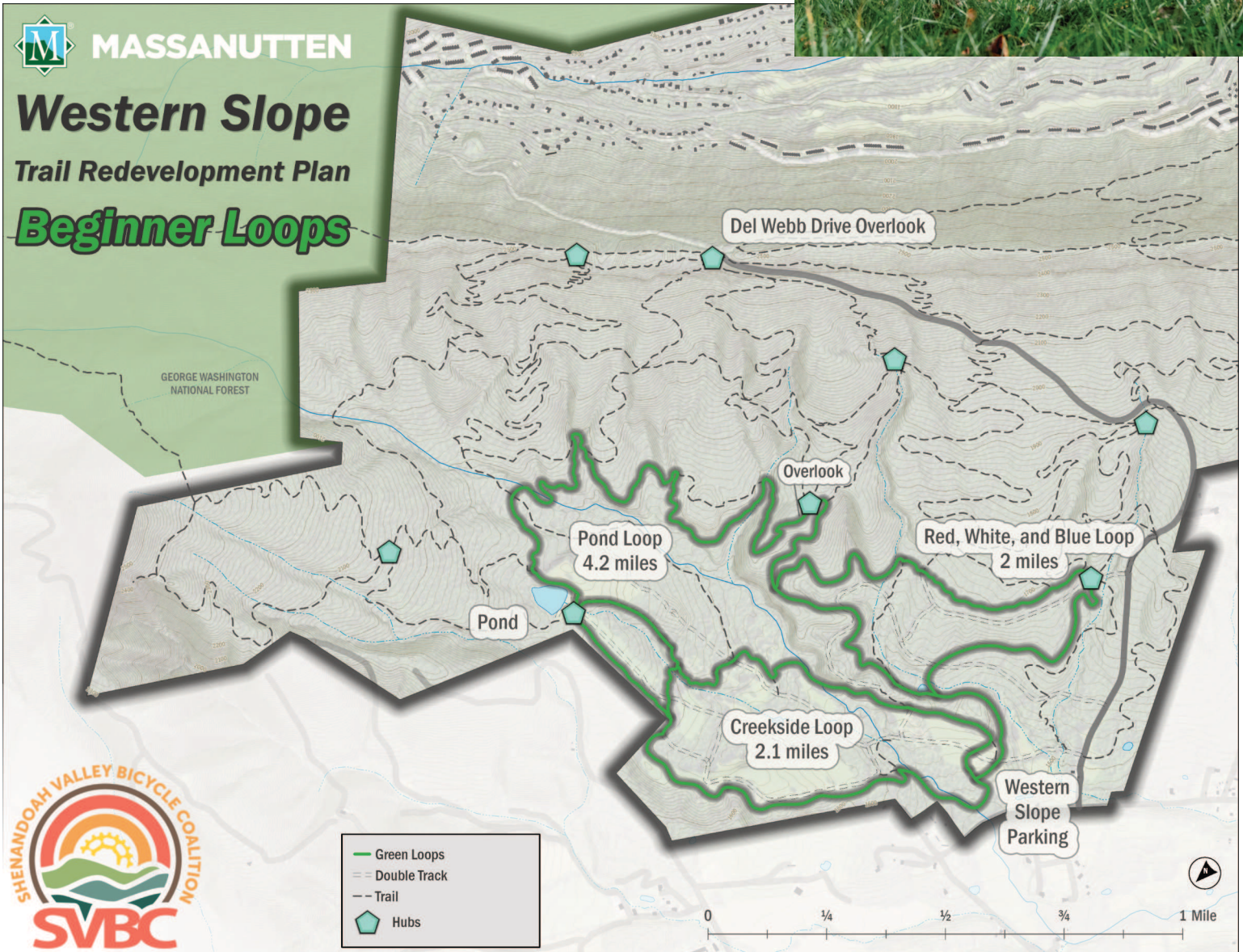


PROJECT: GREEN LOOPS

ALL SKILLS ADVENTURE

The Green Loops will pair accessible riding with joyful riding for all skills levels. Continuing in the same style as the Red, White, and Blue trail, construction standards will provide great flow and higher quality experiences for visitors of all abilities.

Adding low-to-ground, wide rock features adjacent to the trails will provide training and challenge opportunities. Adding small, wedge jumps (2-3' in height, with infinite landings) to the existing VA-54 trail would add a beginner-friendly downhill experience that would also be enjoyable for more advanced riders utilizing the green loops for upper mountain access.



PROJECT: GREEN DOWNHILL

GOAL

Beginner-to-Intermediate Downhill

Provide a downhill experience that is achievable for the beginner-to-intermediate rider, serving as a key stepping stone for future mountain adventure.

STRATEGY

Provide beginner-to-intermediate riders a from-the-top downhill descent that utilizes a combination of new and existing trails, returning them to the Pond and lower green loops trail network.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Descending from the ridge to the main trailhead currently requires negotiating significantly challenging, rocky trail segments. With increased Massanutten and e-bike shuttle use, the challenge of these existing trails is a barrier to access for many riders, stranding them at the top of the mountain.

Given the rocky nature of the substrate near the ridge, this trail can likely not be constructed as a true beginner level downhill. However, with optimization of the rock work to be relatively smooth, it would provide a safer and more approachable route and a high quality, complete top-to-bottom flow trail experience, along with significant skill-building opportunities for advancing riders.

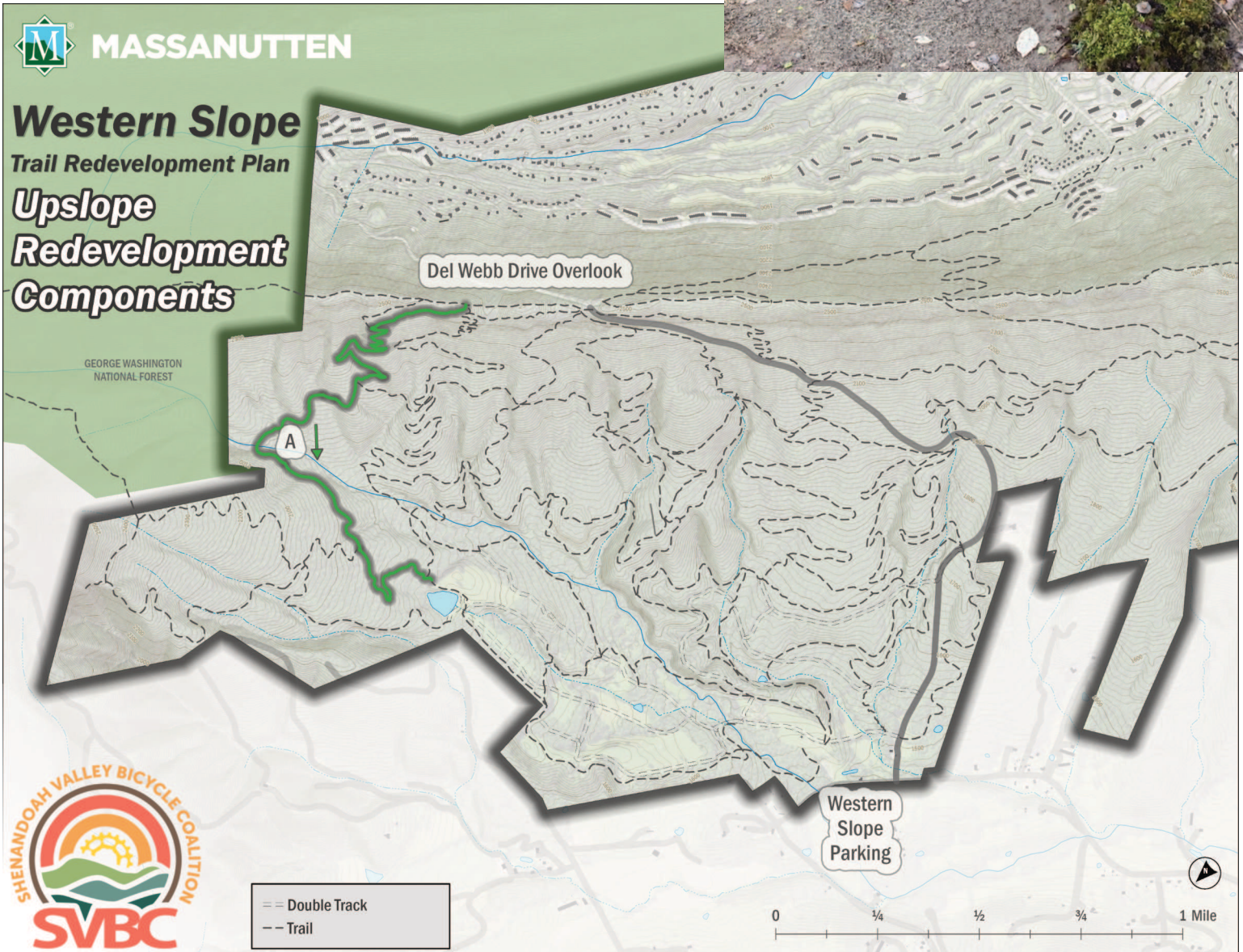
This trail will pair with the Blue Climbing Trail, providing both an up and down route for progressing riders.



Existing System Integration

This 3.8 mile trail will use a portion of Kaylor's Knob Ridge Trail, dropping off prior to the existing junction with Upper Ravine. This allows less experienced riders to avoid the rockiest portion of Upper Ravine, rejoining that trail at the switchbacks where the terrain and rock are more forgiving.

The route continues onto Ravine, with new contour trail to the uphill route junction and pond, continuing down Virginia '54 to the trailhead. A total of approximately 1.1 miles of new construction would be required to provide a 900' descent at an approximately 4% average grade.



PROJECT: DOWNHILL FLOW

GOAL

Intermediate FLOW

3 out of 4 riders reported wanting more flow trails, making it the single most requested trail type on our survey. We aim to deliver, offering long and uninterrupted downhill flow for intermediate and advanced mountain bike riders.

STRATEGY

Utilize open and dirt rich terrain to provide a new downhill flow trail, while connecting it into proposed navigational hubs and preferred access routes.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

The terrain for this new downhill flow trail is ideal for crafting flowing jumps, berms, and alternate lines, with a relative prevalence of dirt for harvesting and trail shaping.

The flow trail will provide an alternate descent from Ravine or Upper Quarantine. The 350 vertical foot descent transitions well for climbs back to Del Webb for sessioning this route or the nearby proposed jump trails.

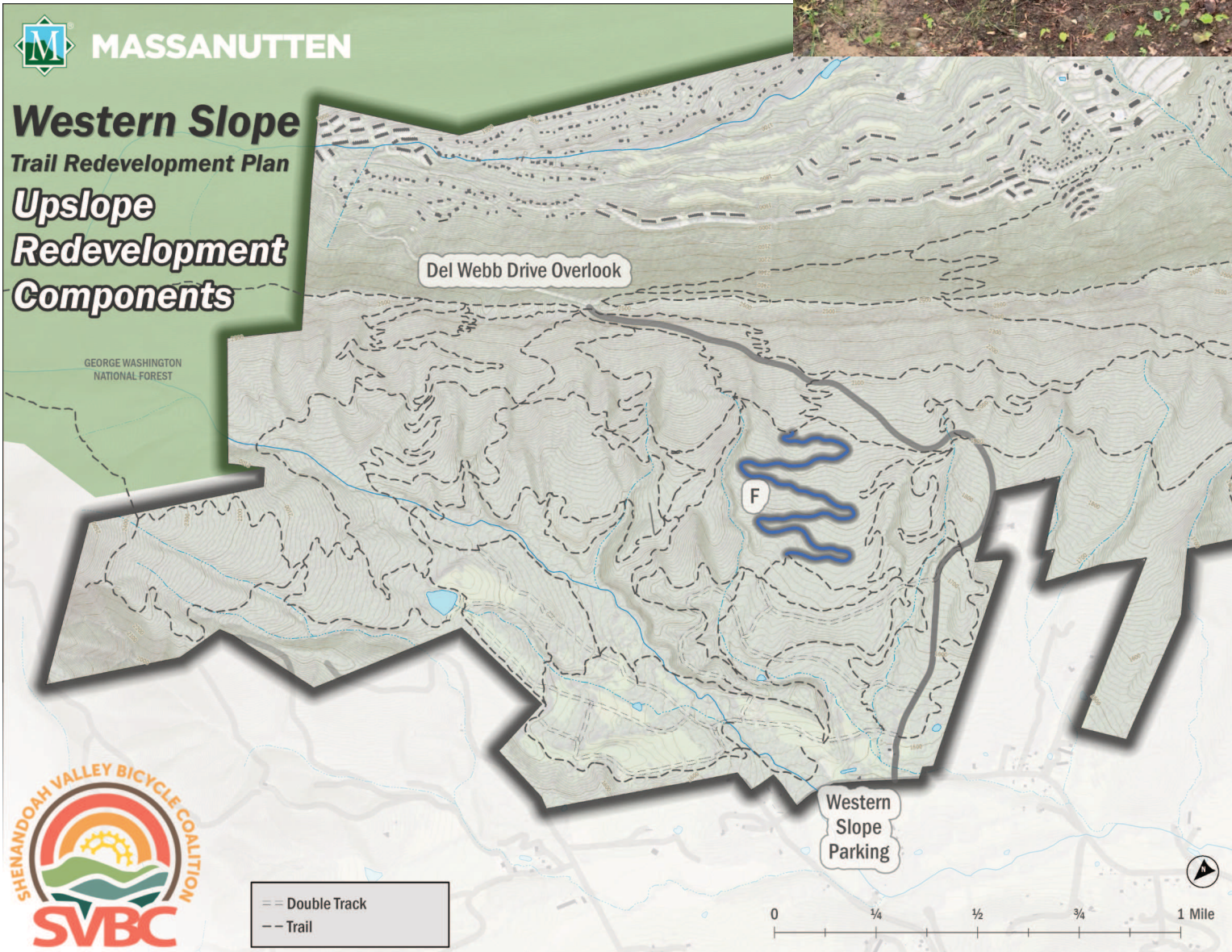
Berms will allow riders to turn at higher speeds and provide a more fluid experience than traditional hiking trails. Rollers and other features will be shaped and spaced to help riders maintain speed and momentum, while giving the trail that unique flowy and rollercoaster feel. The riding experience will feel continuous, with one feature starting as another is ending.



MID-MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

The downhill flow trail will connect Ravine Trail to the lower Green Loops, providing an intermediate descent from the mid-mountain elevations. This will provide a new downhill option in addition Quarantine, the proposed new Green Downhill, and various advanced downhill routes.

It will also be accessible from the new climbing trails proposed to support the nearby jump and advanced downhill trails, providing sessioning opportunities for those only climbing to Ravine Trail as their uppermost destination. This may be especially appealing to intermediate and group riders who do not necessarily seek to utilize the entire mountain on evening or shorter excursions.



PROJECT: **ADVANCED DOWNHILL**

GOAL

NEXT LEVEL RIDING: RIDGE TOP to HOLLOW

Build steep, sustainable, high-quality, and gravity-powered descents that extend beyond 500 vertical feet, offering an intensity and style of riding experience not currently seen on the Western Slope trail system.

STRATEGY

Utilize rocky terrain and modern trail building techniques to construct high-speed descents that offer up sustained endorphins and sustainable trail design.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Both trails will descend more than 500 vertical feet and can be managed as intermediate to advanced level gravity experiences - narrower than trails within the bike park but with the ongoing finish and maintenance that will be required to keep the riding consistent with high use.

Project C aims to relocate the high speed character of Hannenkam/Homestead with a trail that has more resilient qualities, maintainable levels of erosion, and aspects of modern flow. Project D would be constructed as a modern technical trail with steep descents and advanced-level rock moves. Both trails would offer better views, longer descents, and steeper runs than the older road beds currently utilized for similar purposes within the lower Green Loops terrain. Both will showcase modern, backcountry, advanced-level trail building.



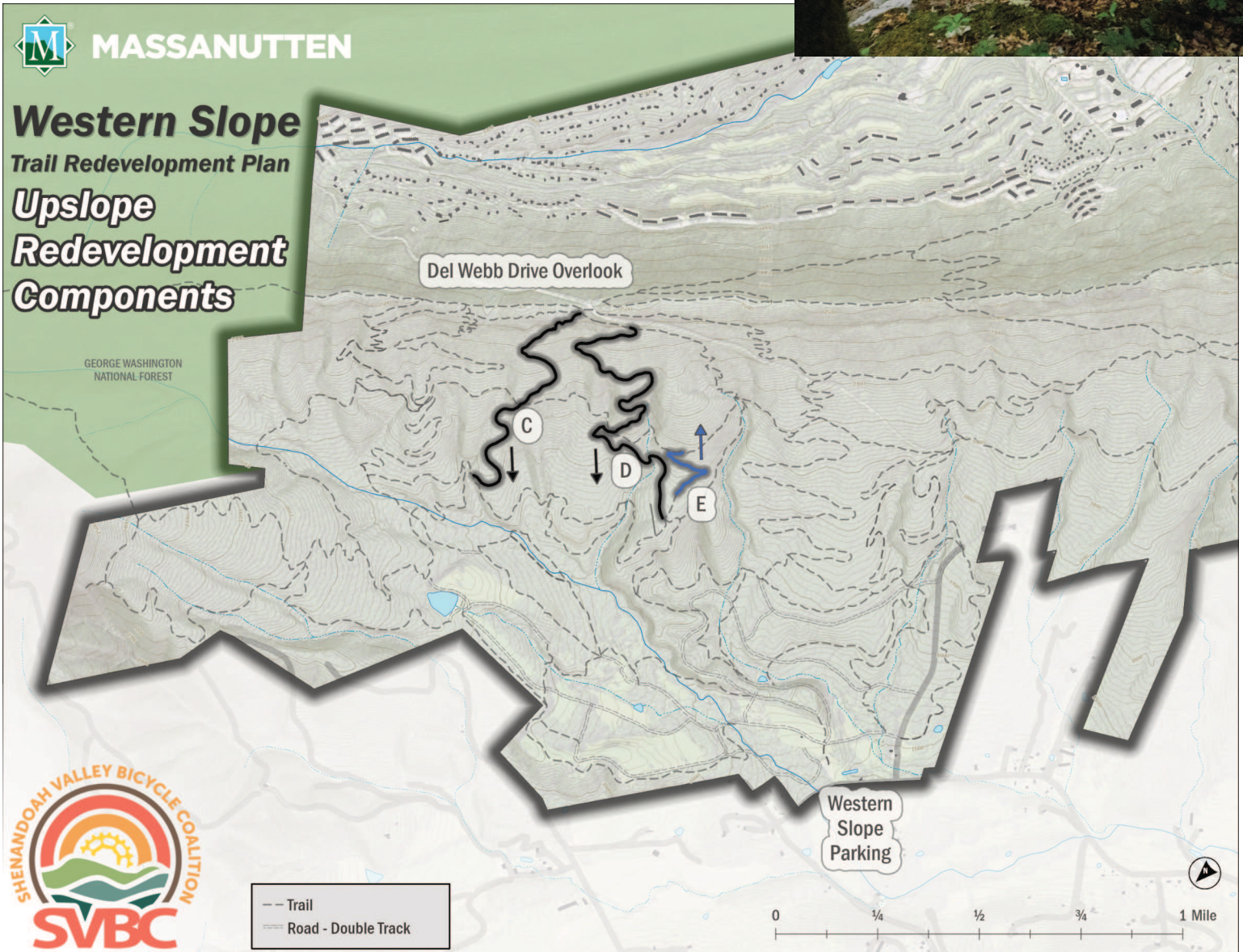
Rock drop at Split Rock Wilds in Beaver Bay, Minnesota. Photo by Paul Vincent Photography

PROJECT: **ADVANCED DOWNHILL**

FULL RUNS + SESSIONABLE LOOPS

Survey results were clear: our ridership loves choice and route flexibility. Ravine Trail is a beloved mid-mountain byway that will continue to connect a growing number of downhill trail options, allowing riders to choose single-trail descents or to “mix and match” between downhill experiences.

In addition to the full downhill descents described by Projects C and D, a return climbing route (Project E) will allow riders to session the lower portion of each trail, from Ravine Trail down. With Ravine Trail providing mid-mountain connectivity between Quarantine, the new downhill Flow Trail, the nested Jump Trails, the new Green Downhill, and the new Advanced Downhills, riders will have the choice between many possible loops and finishes.



PROJECT: JUMP TRAIL

LIFTOFF: AIRTIMES & JUMPS

GOAL

More riders are seeking an advanced level, progressive downhill riding experience with jumps, high speed berms, and alternative lines. Offer a downhill trail showcasing the full range mountain biking experiences, moving from classic high-ridge rock features into a modern jump trail highlighting speed and air time.

STRATEGY

Build advanced features such as jumps, alternative lines, and progressive flow in areas conducive to looped runs, dirt-sculpting trail construction and, when necessary, rider rescue. Feature newer styles of trail building to offer a level of progressive air time not currently available on the Western Slope.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

STEP-DOWN JUMP

JUMP FEATURE IN WHICH THE LANDING IS LOWER THAN THE TAKEOFF. CAN BE USED TO GENERATE SPEED FOR NEXT FEATURE.



Downhill: These trail segments, combined with uphill climbing routes, create sessional downhill loops that provide differing progressive experiences. Upper G can be developed as an advanced downhill route incorporating the rocky and technical 2K trail, a portion of Ravine and Homestead trails, and new trail to provide a technical gravity experience. Lower G, from the southern Puzzler Junction to the bottom, will provide a flow and jump-based experience, a progressive trail geared towards downhill MTB skill development. A paired climbing trail allows for ease in sessioning these jumps.

Nested Loops: A dedicated climbing trail will enable riders to access lower, mid, and high-mountain intersections of the jump trail, providing nested loops appropriate for skills progression.

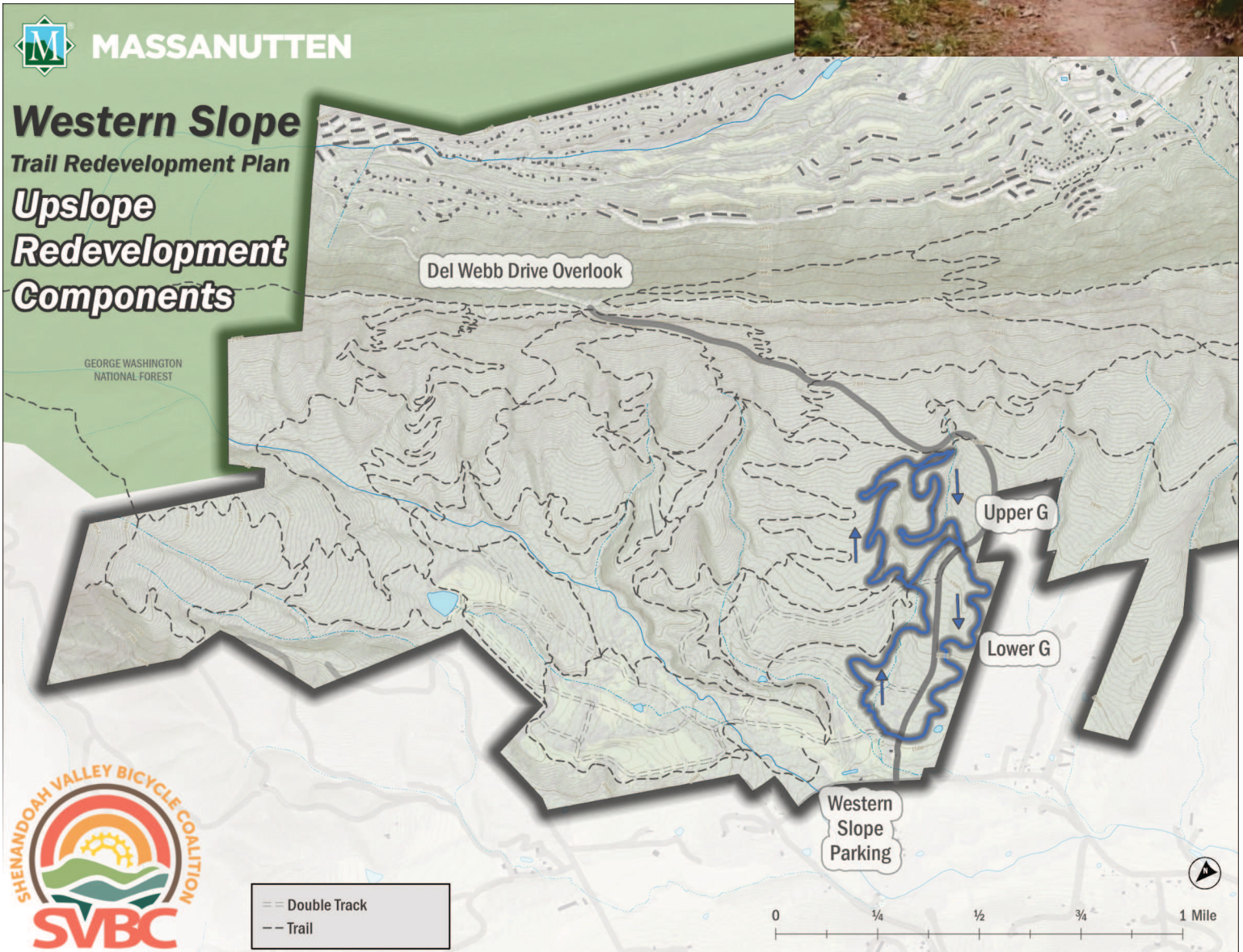


Left: Jump trail construction description from IMBA.

SCULPTED TERRAIN

This trail will incorporate the existing rocky and technical 2K trail along the ridge, along with portions of Ravine and Homestead trails. Lower portions will gain a range of advanced and alternate line features created through new construction and the upgrading of lower Homestead.

At these elevations, the mountain's terrain provides harvestable dirt for creating jump features, plus access points for construction, maintenance, and rescue along Del Webb Drive. New construction in this zone provides an opportunity to feature cutting edge jump trail construction.



PROJECT: CLIMBING TRAIL to RIDGE TOP

MEET DEMAND: MOUNTAIN TOP ACCESS for ALL

GOAL

Hundreds asked for it, and we want to deliver: provide a beginner to intermediate climbing trail to the top of the ridge, serving skill-building riders, hikers and joggers, as well as advanced cyclists seeking a single-track trail to access steeper downhill terrain.

STRATEGY

Connect the Keezletown trailhead to the Del Webb Drive ridgetop overlook, at the Hub connecting Quarantine, 2K, and Kaylor's Knob Ridge Trails. Build the trail to average a 4% grade over the 900 vertical foot climb, enticing everyone who wants a less rawly technical route to the top.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Transform Ridge Line Access: Currently, the options to “session” downhill routes are largely dependent on climbing steep and eroding old road beds with rocky trail segments, riding up Del Webb Drive, or catching a shuttle. By providing a dedicated climbing trail, visitors can enjoy modern single track optimized for ascent, before being rewarded with excellent ridgetop access for a variety downhill descents.

Skill Building & Loop Creation: Given the extent of the climb and the rocky nature of the substrate, this trail cannot be constructed as a true beginner level riding experience, but it will offer beginner-to-intermediate skill-building and the tranquility of a one-way route. Optimization of the rock work will create an approachable route, with a high quality bottom-to-top experience, and ease of access for everyone seeking the rewards of a full-mountain ascent.

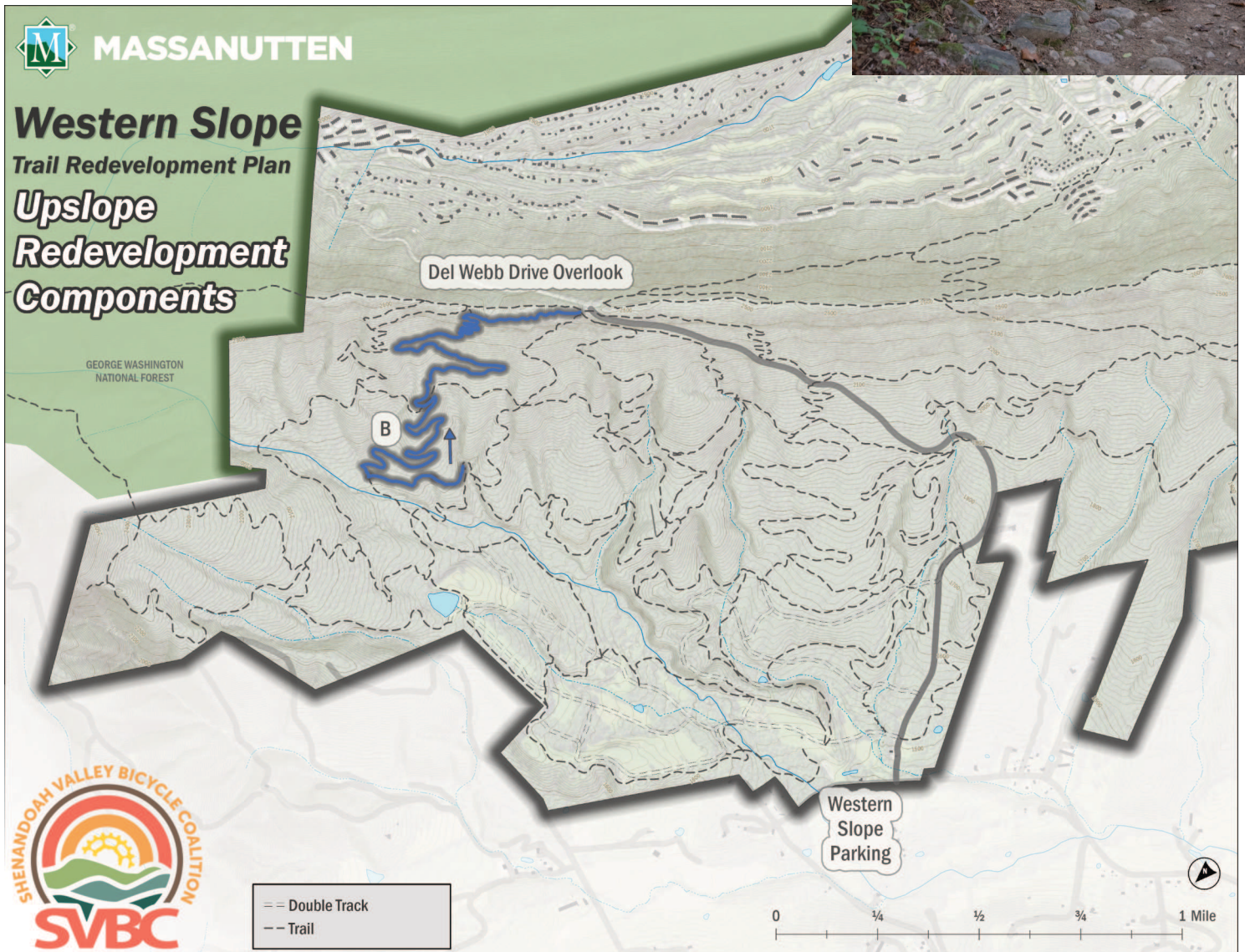


PROJECT: CLIMBING TRAIL to RIDGE TOP

Location & Expansion

The Climbing Trail will utilize existing trails in the lower portion of the mountain, before switching to new construction above the current Bail Out Trail. Trail construction techniques will focus on ease of ascent and uphill-manageable rock climbs. Due to the lower speed of uphill traveling riders, the trail will likely be popular as a low-conflict hike/ride/run shared-use experience.

The Climbing Trail will reach Del Webb Drive Overlook as its final destination, connecting advanced riders to a full suite of downhill trails. The Western Slope's rocky terrain will by necessity make the final portion the most technical. Therefore, just before the final ascent, a connection to the new Green-Blue Downhill Trail (located just to the north of the Climbing Trail) will provide an achievable loop for skill-building visitors.



PROJECT: ALT LINES & ROCK GARDENS

OFFER SKILL-BUILDING ROCK CRAWLS

GOAL

The Western Slope is a gateway to adventure, raising a new generation of mountain bikers. Provide trail sections focused on rock work and bike handling without steep ascents, off-camber tread, or long rides that might detract from the skill-building.

STRATEGY

Provide low-on-the-mountain technical experiences through alternative lines. These optional routes provide skill-building challenges for intermediate riders and playful routes for advanced cyclists, while ensuring that diversely-skilled riders can enjoy the same trails together.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Optional Rock Moves: The lower green loops will include optional rock moves that provide jumps, ledges, and short ramps for those so inclined, while preserving a rideable main tread for beginner riders. This enables two riders of widely varying skillsets to progress together.

Dedicated Routes: “Two paths diverged in the woods, and I took the one less traveled.” Where the new climbing trail and green loops replace older and erosion-prone sections of trail, select sections with beloved rock gardens and skill-building features can be preserved as “the hard way” alternative lines. These shorter but more difficult routes can provide practice areas for the types of rocky terrain that typifies high-ridge riding, while offering skill-building at closer-to-the-parking-area locations, ideal for intermediate riders.



ENHANCE SINGLE TRACK ROUTES

GOAL

Currently, old road beds and former extraction grades constitute many original Western Slope trails. Often eroded and wider than necessary, this plan will upgrade their location on the landscape to single track, bicycle-optimized trails.

STRATEGY

Create new single-track trails to replace older road beds, offering new rock gardens, flow trails, and nested loops as appropriate. When needed for emergency access, preserve old road beds for rare vehicular use, but provide recreational visitors enhanced alternative experiences.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Provide clockwise and counterclockwise access to Leightons's overlook and Kaylor's Ridge Knob Trail on adjoining USFS trails. Most of the trail is already existing, with the addition of 0.6 miles of new trail on the lower portion of the loop that would mimic the steady climbing nature of the current Nostril but with a somewhat smoother trail tread. A crossover connection mid-way up will provide additional routing opportunities and a more natural progression to more difficult trail higher on the loop, where Leighton's Trail becomes rockier.



PROJECT: CROSS COUNTY CONNECTORS

GROW, EXPAND, and CONNECT

GOAL

Hundreds of forested, mountainous acres remain untapped south of Del Webb Drive. Extend stacked, cross-county loops off the existing Western Slope for all day epic adventure.

STRATEGY

Launch the next generation of Western Slope riding, building a true backcountry adventure center. Over time, add a dozen+ miles of ridgeline and contour riding to the Western Slope trails. Connect the Massanutten Conference Center to the Del Webb Drive Overlook, while exploring options to build connections to Rockingham Park and Route 33.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Cross Country Adventure: Rocky solitude is a hallmark of our mountains, and this deep-wilds expansion ensures there will be many more such miles to build. Riding will feature deep woods terrain, stacked loops for route variety, and mileage sufficient for full-day excursions.

Conference Center Connection: Although the trails connecting the resort to the Western Slope trails at the Del Webb Drive Overlook will be challenging to build, they will provide excellent routes, rewarding views, and additional looping opportunities. The 1.4 mile trail will average about 7% grade from the Conference Center, with a contouring 2.4 mile trail to Harshberger Gap.

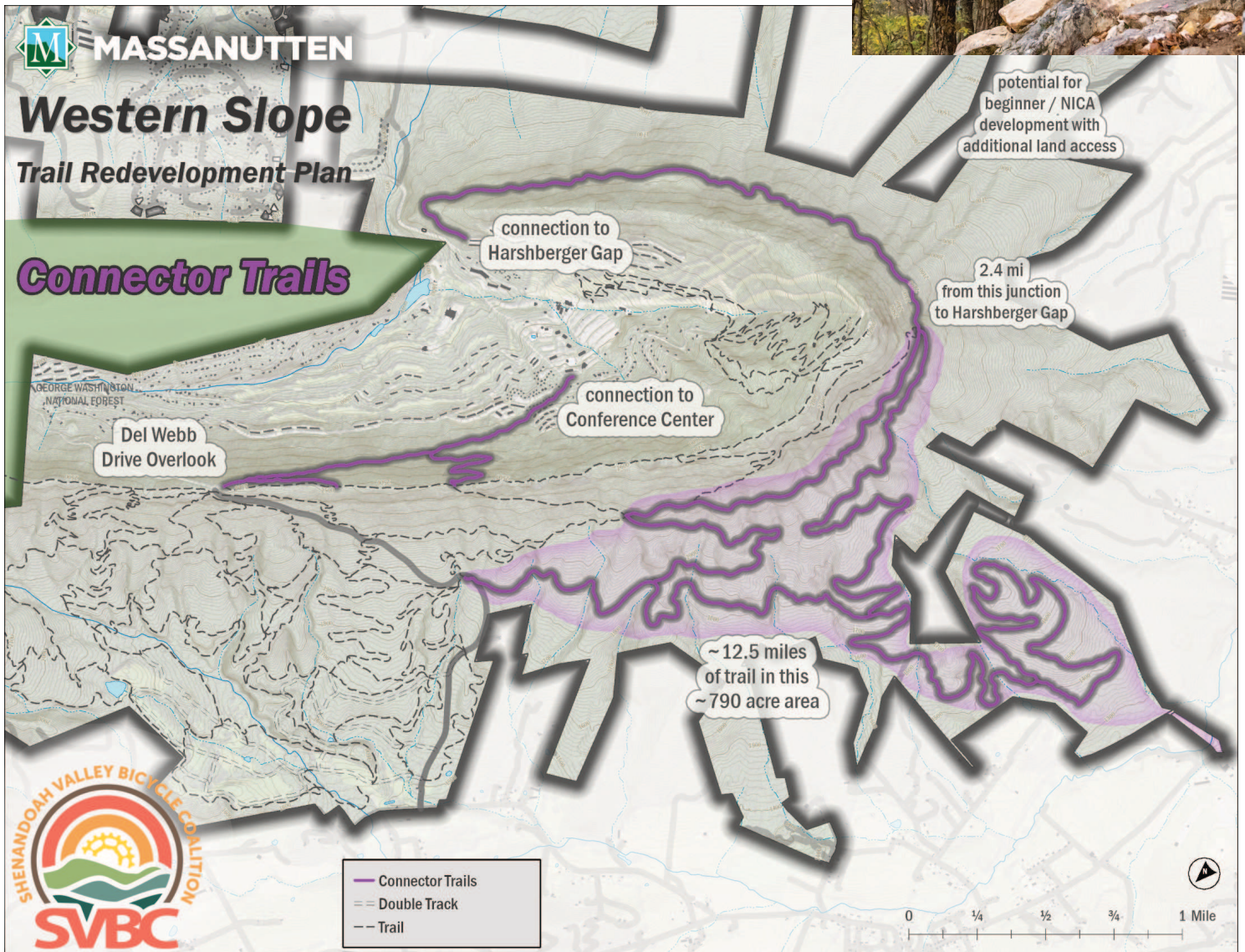


PROJECT: CROSS COUNTRY CONNECTORS

Location & Expansion

Mid-slope topography is favorable for building stacked loops connections to the existing Ridge and Puzzler Trails, such that no new trailheads are immediately necessary.

Long-term, connections to Rockingham County Park, Spotswood High School, and Gerundo are possible with current Great Eastern Resort land holdings. The steep terrain and narrow width of parcels above the school are constraints to quality trail building. If in the future additional adjacent land were acquired or secured with a recreational easement, that area would hold great potential for development of NICA and beginner-friendly trails integrated with High School programming. Existing trails such as the Gap Trail between Painters Pond and Harshberger Gap, as well as beginner-friendly trails on Massanutten land near Gerundo, could also be incorporated into this expanding trail network.



PROJECT: HIKERS & RUNNERS

HARMONIZE TRAIL USE among ALL VISITORS

GOAL

Hikers, trail runners, family strollers, bird watchers and more – all find a home of the Western Slope trails. Ensure that trail design harmonizes use patterns, making joyful room for all types of adventure, recreation, and nature enjoyment.

STRATEGY

Provide new hiking trails, customized route options, clear signage, and suggested use patterns to ensure that all visitors can enjoy the Western Slope trails. Utilize strategic trail design to minimize conflict even as the number of visitors grows.

TRAIL EXPERIENCE

New Overlook Loop: The Del Webb Drive Overlook is a much visited location by hikers and cyclists alike, creating a potential conflict between high-speed and steep-riding descents and those seeking a stroll from the top. Provide a dedicated hiking loop from this overlook, along with enhanced signage suggesting where families and other hikers can enjoy a low-speed adventure.

Suggested Use Patterns: Prioritize hiking and running activities along cross country routes, the new green loops, the climbing trail, the green descent, and the various road beds and emergency access routes within the Western Slope trails system. By matching hiking and running with lower-speed cycling routes, trails can be joyfully shared by all.

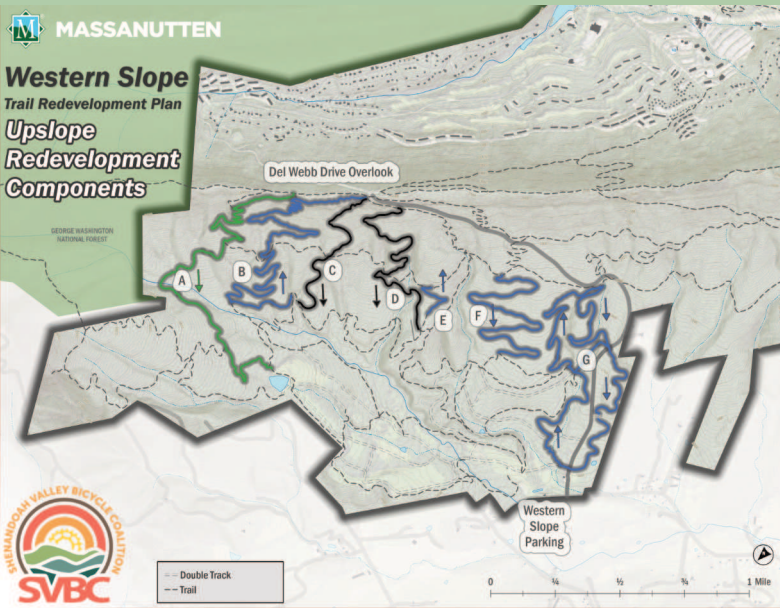
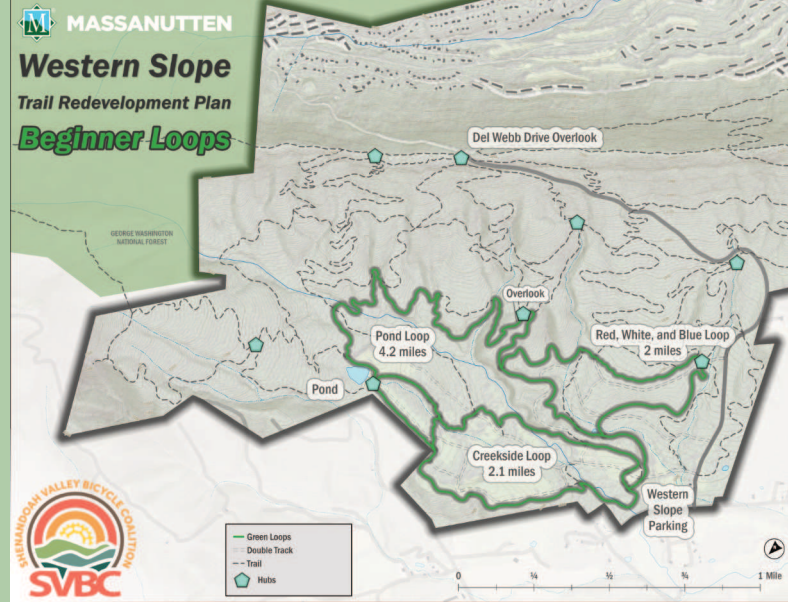


Guiding Principles: Bringing It All Together

Welcome New & Beginner Visitors

We heard it again and again: the Western Slope can be gateway to adventure. By providing complete experiences, ride-worthy destinations and overlooks, nested loops with optional ride lengths, and skill-building alt lines, the Trails Plan will offer beginners many of the same high-quality experiences more advanced riders have come to know and expect.

By adding in named trail hubs and enhanced signage, new visitors will be able to enjoy the trails with easy meet-ups locations, reduced fear of losing their way, and joyful navigation in the woods.



Build More Routes, More Flexibility

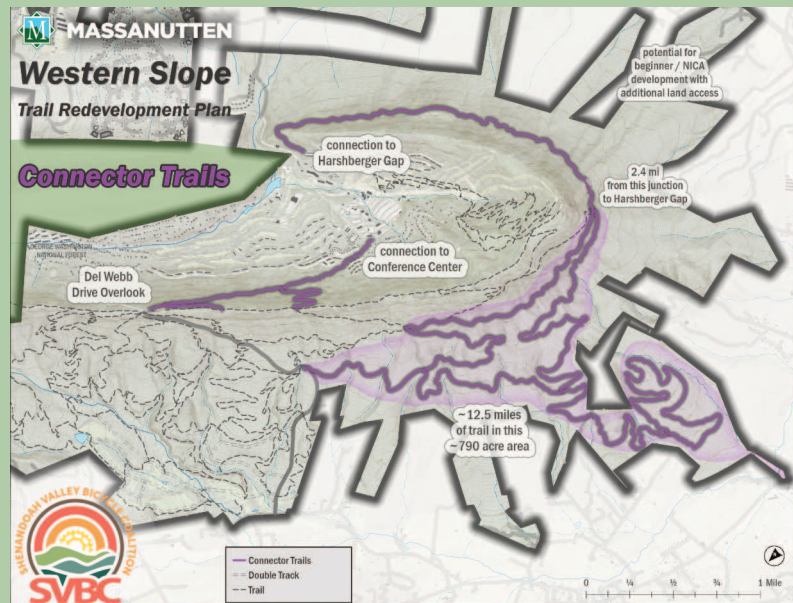
The upper mountain will serve up a growing number of intermediate and advanced downhill, a variety of stacked loops for flexible route design, an enhanced commitment to sustainable trail design to support the ongoing maintenance of new miles of trail, and a never-before-experienced full mountain climbing trail.

Keeping its backcountry character, these trails will offer a high-quality, modern trail building experience while preserving the deep-woods and mountainous feel so beloved by Western Slope visitors.

Grow the Adventure

All-day cross country adventure has the potential to become hundreds of acres more epic. Our longterm and collaborative stewardship of the Western Slope trails makes significant trail expansion beyond the current footprint possible through partnerships between Massanutten Resort, the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, and our broader communities.

The Trail Plan aims to build on the legacy of backwoods trail development with the goal of growing this gem of a trail system around the Massanutten horn.



Roll Out!

When will new trails hit the Western Slope?

That depends on the strength of community response, partnerships, volunteerism, fundraising, and more.

An example timeline of what great collaboration could build:

STAGE 1

A Taste of What's Possible:

GOAL: Provide new trail experiences for all-skills of riders, while showcasing innovations in navigation and hub design.

Projects:

- **New intermediate+ downhill trail.**
- **Complete green loop for beginner riders.**
- **New hub development for enhanced navigation.**

STAGE 2

Rookie to Ripper:

GOAL: Provide complete loops, overlooks, and downhill experiences for learners and legends.

Projects:

- **New green loops, with destination overlook.**
- **New advanced downhill from summit.**
- **Skills kitchen and parking area upgrades.**

STAGE 3

Welcome to the Top:

GOAL: Enhance bottom to ridge-top connectivity for beginner and advanced riders.

Projects:

- **New blue/green climbing trail.**
- **New green and advanced downhills from the top.**
- **New upper mountain hubs and hiker-oriented loop.**

STAGE 4

Beyond Del Webb:

GOAL: Expand trail system into new terrain with deeper backcountry experiences.

Projects:

- **Mid-mountain cross-country loop south of Del Webb.**
- **Connector trail from Massanutten Resort.**

STAGE 5

Jumps & Flow:

GOAL: Build jumps and flow trails with nested loops for skill-building progression.

Projects:

- **New lower and upper jump trails along Del Webb.**
- **New climbing trails to serve all jump trails.**

Ongoing

- **Trail maintenance and amenity enhancements.**
- **Convert old road beds to emergency access routes.**
- **Respects, reroutes, and/or needed closures of upgraded trails.**

Special Thanks:

Partners & Collaborators

Trail Planners

Applied Trails Research

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Community Partners

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Over 1,000 current and potential Western Slope trail visitors • Local focus group members including group ride and run leaders, trail work volunteers, area bike shops and more

- Rockingham County • City of Harrisonburg • Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley • Shenandoah Valley Conservancy • Central Shenandoah Valley Planning District Commission • James Madison University • TDC Marketing • community ambassadors of Keezletown • and many more.



Trails Build Community, Community Builds Trails

30 miles in 30 years is our historic pace of trail building, but it's time to accelerate. Will you join us?

Learn how below, plus visit us at WesternSlopeTrails.org

Visit

The Western Slope is a visitor-supported trails system. Your Trail Pass dollars fund new routes, tools, machine hours, chainsaw trainings and more.

Volunteer

Big Dig Days and weekly trail work nights are ways to give back to the trails. No experience or tools needed — come for the trails, stay for the camaraderie.

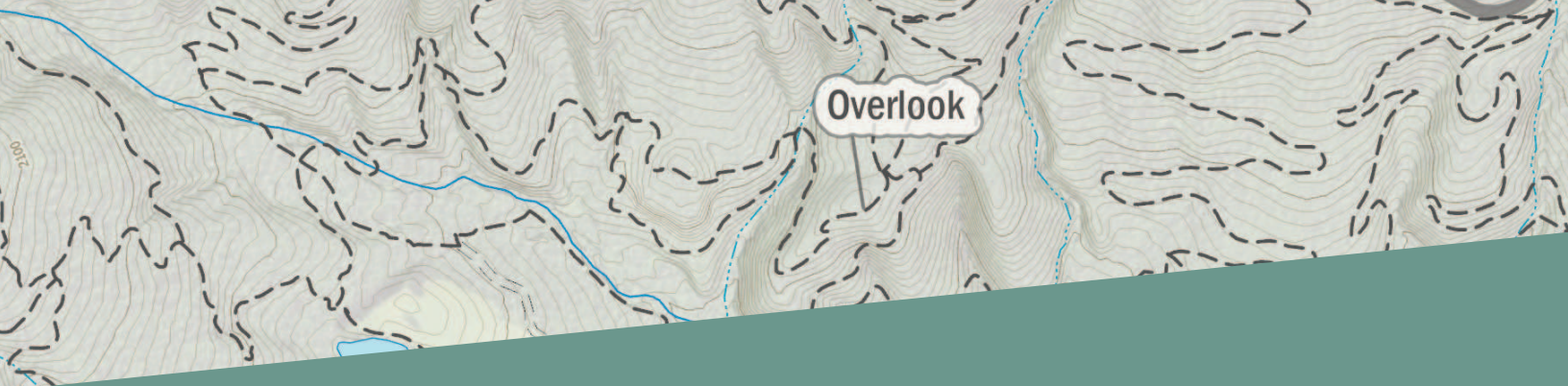
Donate

The speed of new builds runs at the speed of community support. Donate today to help us realize the next level of Western Slope trails.

Team Up

The Western Slope Team is a group of volunteers coordinating volunteer trail work, community outreach, and more. Learn more or reach out to join us.





To learn more visit us at

**WesternSlopeTrails.org
MassResort.com**

