

KNSC 5 YEAR VISION

Adopted April 16, 2016

Categories:

- Near future = 1-3 years out
- Future = 3-5 years out
- Long term = > 5 years out
- Possible when desired/appropriate

Near Future = 1-3 years out, 2017 – 2019

Listed in descending order of priority, importance, and/or feasibility

1. Top trail conditions
 - a. Improve trail surface to allow low snow grooming
 - i. Cut/fill, smooth, remove rocks and stumps
 - ii. Improve and add boardwalks, culverts, ditching
 - b. Equipment for trail improvements/maintenance
 - i. Tractor
 - ii. Implements – back blade (smooth trail surface); backhoe (dig ditches, install culverts, move rocks); brush mower; post hole auger (for installing gates, bridges, signs); ripper tooth (for stump, rock removal to level trails)
 - c. Consistent/reliable grooming
 - i. Incentives to recruit and retain groomers
 - ii. Equipment replacement on tight schedule to increase reliability
 - d. Consistent corridor maintenance (brushing, mowing, limbing)
 - e. Bridge maintenance/replacement/safety
 - i. Replace Pine Loop descent pedestrian bridge
 - ii. Sisu bridge replacement
 - iii. Railings – to all new bridges; add to existing where feasible
2. Ownership/easements
 - a. Swedetown Creek gorge purchase
 - b. Permission/easements to make trail improvements
 - c. Tomasi easement at Churning Rapids/Anderson/City property corner
 - d. Permanent easements where ever possible

3. Increase revenue
 - a. WUPPDR, local gov'ts (city, townships, county, state) as funding partners/supporters
 - b. Foundations - grants
 - c. Business sponsors
 - d. Increase membership base
 - e. Private donations
 - f. Development committee

4. Increase trail user numbers – marketing
 - a. More social media presence (KNSC & w/ partners)
 - b. Partner w/ Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau; Midwest wide promotion – radio/brochures/magazine etc.
 - c. Reactivation of Keweenaw Trails Alliance – team up with other local silent sport groups to promote area-wide trails
 - d. Work to improve trail user perceptions, opinions

5. Bylaws
 - a. Incorporate more health/wellness
 - b. Update (mission, vision, goals plus bylaws)

6. Snow bikes – cooperate and coordinate with these trail users

7. Back Country trails – ski and snowshoe
 - a. Add/improve signage and markings
 - b. Some packed

8. Keweenaw Community Foundation Cross Country Skiing Endowment
 - a. Get brochures for chalet; promote
 - b. Partner with other trail orgs to support/fundraise for KCF XCE

9. Trail features
 - a. Signage – directional, informational, acknowledgements; installed on posts
 - b. Benches – in the gorge, on Vista Trail, or per opportunity

LOWEST PRIORITY:

11. Join CCSAA (investigate)
12. Free ski day w/ free skis
13. Narrower trails
14. Something more for snowshoers
15. Tree planting
16. Free passes at motels/hotels
17. Contact Finlandia re: x-c team
18. Beginner tours, social/family gatherings

Future = 3-5 years out, 2019 - 2021

Listed in no particular order

Trail shelters: CR cabin, shelter along Swedetown Creek on City property, 1-2 other shelters
W/ or by City: Exc Director – part time year round; Groomer – part time year round; marketing;

Economic Development Administrator

More trail benches – locations TBD

More loops & trails - near trailheads; everywhere

Get trail off Tomasi Rd

Plan around gravel pit expansion

Long Term > 5 yrs, 2021+

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Tomasi trailhead chalet

Equipment storage and service building

New trailhead on Stan Vitton property (Highpoint Rd)

New trails on Mark Roberts property (borders City property, north of Swedetown Creek gorge)

Possible when desired/appropriate

Skier development

More work with Ski Tigers

Lessons for all ages

X-C classes at more local schools

Elementary school

Middle school

Biathlon course (w/ paintballs)

Lighted trails

Rentals (w/ partner?) - Skis, poles, boots; pulks

Restaurant/snack bar (w/ partnership?)

KNSC goes to year round operations - revise ByLaws

Wellness program for impoverished w/ Medicaid funding

Skating – need trail and equipment changes plus skier support first

Reduce grade on Sisu hill