

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

ARTICLE VI.

TRAILS

The San Miguel County Trails Master Plan is intended to provide guidance for development in San Miguel County. Trails are depicted on the map as constructed public trails or proposed trails in which easements need to be secured. Landowners with proposed trails shown through their property should contact the San Miguel County Trails Council to discuss issues related to the trails and the feasibility of securing public trail easements. The San Miguel County Trails Master Plan shall be used as a guide for the Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission when considering all development proposals, Subdivision/PUD applications and Special Use Permits. A menu of incentives will be developed to encourage landowners to donate trails easements, such as tax deductions, increased development rights, or relief from certain development restrictions.

The Trails Council was created in 1989, as an advisory group to the County Commissioners. The Trails Council is made up of private citizens and government agency officials that represent a cross section of trails related interests. The mission of the Trails Council is to: 1) maintain existing trails; 2) plan and implement new multi-use year round and seasonal trails as identified in the San Miguel County Trails Master Plan, which will connect existing trails together; 3) create new recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors; 4) provide access to publicly owned land throughout the Region; 5) provide an alternative to vehicular travel between regional development nodes identified in the County Master Plan; and 6) connect public open space separated by private lands.

