

North Kitsap Trails Association

Vision, Mission, and Goals Adopted 9.21.09

Mission Statement for NKTA:

To unite North Kitsap County with a regional system of land and water trails that promotes stewardship of natural resources and enhances our communities' livability.

Mission Statement for NKTA Plan Committee:

To create a Concept Plan that will guide development of the regional land and water trail system today, and will continue to shape a legacy of integrated trails and open space in North Kitsap County.

Vision for the North Kitsap Trails System:

A system of land and water trails that connects North Kitsap communities, Tribal lands, parks, and private development, to provide opportunities for walking, biking, paddling, observing wildlife, horseback riding and non-motorized transportation. A regional trail system that boosts community pride, community connections, and the local economy.

Goals for the North Kitsap Trails System

- Work with community leaders, local and Tribal governments, private developers, community members and our neighbors to **develop public-private partnerships** for creating a **seamless system** of connected multi-surface and multi-use trails.
- Promote **healthy lifestyles** by designing a trail system that accommodates **citizens of all ages and abilities** with diverse outdoor recreation activities.
- Establish trail routes that highlight the natural beauty of our region and promote **appreciation of wildlife and natural systems**.
- **Encourage innovative land uses to maximize public open space and development of trails** between North Kitsap communities, working forests, agricultural areas and new development.
- **Provide educational opportunities** and identify points of interest throughout the trail system that highlight cultural resources, working lands, local history and natural science.
- Connect our trails with other **regional, county and cross-state trail systems**. Promote our trail system as an **eco-tourism destination** and enticement for economic development.
- **Encourage non-motorized transportation** by offering multiple trail access points and safe, reasonably-direct routes between North Kitsap communities, our ferries and bridges, and popular destinations within each community.