

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.72114 Statewide trail network; establishment; modification to include additional trails or uses; signage; availability on department's website; recommendations from equine trails subcommittee and other trails users; database of trail maps.

Sec. 72114. (1) The department shall establish a statewide trail network that includes Pure Michigan Trails, Pure Michigan Water Trails, and other recreational use trails. The statewide trail network shall be designed to accommodate a variety of public recreation uses and shall specify the types of uses that are allowed on each trail segment. The statewide trail network shall be in conformance with section 72115 and the determinations made under section 72115. Prior to the department establishing the statewide trail network, the department shall hold a public meeting to receive testimony from the general public.

(2) After the statewide trail network is established, if the department is informed that additional trails should be added to the statewide trail network or that uses on particular trail segments should be modified, the department shall modify the statewide trail network to include additional trails or to modify the uses on particular trails as the department determines appropriate. However, any modifications shall be in conformance with section 72115 and determinations made under section 72115.

(3) The department may provide signage and recognition of places significant to the history of Native Americans, including places significant to that history along trails in the statewide trail network, as provided for in section 72117.

(4) Upon establishment of the statewide trail network, the department shall make the statewide trail network available on the department's website. If the department modifies the statewide trail network, the department shall make the updated statewide trail network available on the department's website.

(5) Within 1 year after receiving recommendations from the equine trails subcommittee under section 72110a, the advisory council shall review recommendations from the equine trails subcommittee as well as other interested trail users and shall make recommendations to the department for the establishment of the statewide trail network.

(6) The department shall work in cooperation with interested parties to facilitate the creation and maintenance of a current database of trail maps for all trails within the statewide trail network on the department's internet website. The database of trail maps shall specifically designate which of the trails are Pure Michigan Trails or Pure Michigan Water Trails. The database of trail maps shall allow trail users to download or print trail maps. In addition, the department shall work in cooperation with interested parties to facilitate the development and maintenance of a mobile software application of trail maps and other information related to specific trails that may be downloaded onto smartphones, tablet computers, and other portable electronic devices. The department shall work in cooperation with these interested parties to assure that the software application is updated to reflect current information from the database of trail maps.

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