ADDITION OF TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town's 1994 Comprehensive Plan recognizes the establishment of an open space plan with trail systems for recreation, conservation of natural resources, education and teaching; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part I of the 1990 Comprehensive Plan, the 1994 Open Space Plan, the 1994 Zoning Ordinance and the 1994 Trails and Green Space Plan were developed to achieve the goals of such plans;

WHEREAS, the Town Council approved adherence of the Trails and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan, both adopted in 1990, and authorized the Town Manager to develop a master plan and implementation plan;

WHEREAS, the Town, composed of civic volunteers and representatives from local, state and federal agencies, local public entities and community groups, continues to work toward achieving our goals and implementation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City, New Mexico, this 11th day of March, 2002, hereby adopts the above-stated resolution as a part of this Ordinance.

Passed, Adopted and Approved by the Town Council on the 11th day of March, 2002.

Silver City, New Mexico

Adopted 2002
PURPOSE

- Need for Trails and Open Spaces Protection
  - Greatest assets of the Town are the T&OS
  - Significant contribution to quality of life
- Implement the T&OS goals of the Comprehensive Plan
  - Implementation may take years
    - Provide consistency and vision that lasts

DEFINED

- Open space is undeveloped land
  - Recreational
  - Protected land due to historical value
  - Opportunities for public enjoyment
- Trails provide a corridor for safe means for non-motorized travel within the community and linkage for people to reach and enjoy special places.
TARGET PROJECTS

- Boston Hill
- La Capilla Park
- San Vicente Trails and Open Space
- Brewer Hill
- Downtown Historic walking tour
- Old water reservoirs
- Silver/Swan Bike Lanes
- Northern Loop Multi-Use Trail
- Greenway Corridors
- Bear Mountain Trail

SINCE 2002

- Town policy is now including a significant ban on sale of Town owned T&OS
- Trail head development has had major improvements
  - Boston Hill trailhead kiosks
  - San Vicente trailhead kiosk
  - CDT kiosk at Visitor Center
- Downtown Historical walking tour with information plaques
- Improved and improving signage regarding rules
- Maintenance staff hired
- Town specific T&OS Committee (YOU)
WAIT THERE IS MORE

- Improved communication of issues
- Improved response to resolve issues
- Community Development designated as liaison
- Code enforcement patrols and camp removals
- Better citizen engagement

IMPROVEMENTS

- Boston Hill trail work. More planned. Significant drainage issues
- Market street trailhead-relocated, improved parking area, partnered with County, WNMU and the Town
- Cheyenne trailhead-Worked with community members to design some drainage fixes
- Spring street trailhead-needs more work but have improved drainage in parking lot
- Cooper street trailhead-removed large amounts of signs of drug use
- Continued dialogue with private property owners where trail may cross private property
- Continue support of abandoned mines safety mitigation work
La Capilla

- Paver pathways
- The never ending drainage issues are on-going project
- Improved bridge surface

San Vicente

- YCC has done multiple trail projects to improve access and use
- Pedestrian bridge installed
- Numerous clean-up days for trash.
- Invasive species eradication work
- Planning of actual trail locations and identify location specific concerns
- Completed trail under Broadway bridge and opened up the area
- Large amounts of trail building from Visitor Center parking lot down into the channel
- Purchased land behind Hudson Plaza
- Working with RR regarding mill street easement
San Vicente (continued)

- Improved trail head under 90 bridge
- Non-invasive plantings
- Debris removal
- Multiple camp evictions and subsequent clean-up
- Acquired land and easements to continue the trail
- Improving signage
- Continuing to acquire legal access to areas along planned trail
- Corrected boundaries on trail from Mountain View to San Vicente

OTHER AREAS

- Old water reservoir property-no actions
- Silver/Swan Streets Bike lanes-continuous improvements
- Study Northern Loop multi-use trail-nothing yet
- Greenway Corridors-lots of clean-up work. Mostly by citizens
  - P.A. Creek has significant issues with aged trees that have been falling
  - Owners of adjacent or including the creek have not been responsive to granting access
  - Continue to seek options to acquire access to Hearst Mill site
- Study Bear Mountain Trail-No objective information