A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees and a dirt path leading through them. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

City of Monroe Public Outreach Meeting

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Goal:

“Gain meaningful insight from the Monroe community regarding public access points, conceptual designs and priorities for the proposed trail location.”

Objectives: Through our discussion with the community of Monroe we hope to:

1. Establish the potential priorities for the trail,
1. Identify concerns for the proposed trail area,
1. Identify potential access points to the trail, and
1. Identify good/bad aspects of trail design.

Background & Purpose

- WSDOT + City of Monroe partnered + WWU
- Facilitate a discussion on the early stages of planning
 - Table 1: Trail Priorities
 - Table 2: Access Points
 - Table 3: Conceptual Design



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Trail Priorities

- What should the priorities of the trail be?
- What should the uses of the trail be?



Trail Priorities: Community Feedback

- All purpose
- General safety concerns
 - Lighting
- Questions of long-term eligibility



Access Points

- Where should we place additional Access Points?
- Are there access points that should be eliminated?
- Which areas or neighborhoods would benefit or not from having access to the trail?



Access Points: Community Feedback

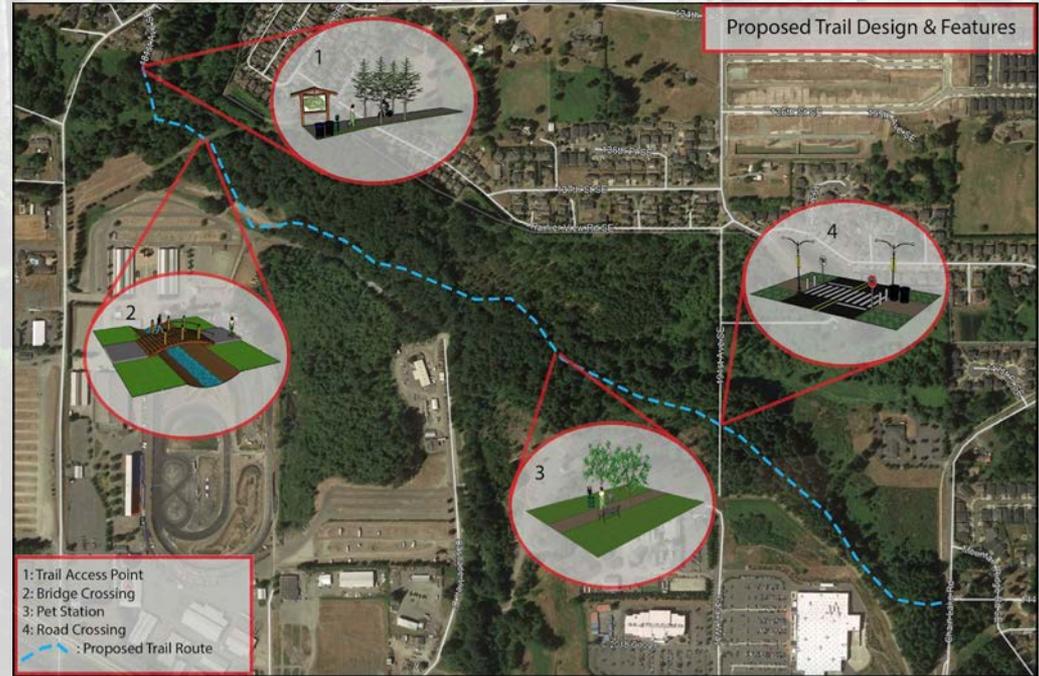
- Major access points
 - Evergreen Equestrian Park
 - The Walmart parking lot
 - The Monroe Seventh-day Adventist Church



● Proposed Access Points

Conceptual Design

- What do you want at access points?
- How should access points be designed?
- What kind of materials should be used to construct the trail?
- What would you like to see at crossings?



Conceptual Design: Community Feedback

- Community members would like lighting & general amenities at access points.
- Access points should be designed to be safe and well lit.
- The kind of material used to construct the trail is dependent on the use.
- At crossings community members would like to see lights and clearly marked trails.



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Concluding Thoughts

- Lessons Learned...
 - Gain better familiarity with community
 - Involve more stakeholders

- Recommendations
 - Consider permanent trail
 - Priority 1: Loop
 - Priority 2: Inner trail system
 - Safety aspects