



# Environmental Committee

Formed: February 22, 2014

## Members:

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## General Goal: (Refinement Continuing)

Improve Volente Outdoor Spaces for the Enjoyment and Safety of Volente residents of all ages while respecting the rights of individuals, the natural beauty of the area and costs to build and maintain improvements.



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Initial Steps: Gather information and determine where to focus our efforts.

Initial Findings (Current Status of the Village of Volente):

- Volente has no trails and 1 small park (Friendship Park)
- Volente has Five Neighborhoods within the Village with no ability to walk between them without walking along 2769 or Lime Creek road:
  - Macks Canyon area
  - Booth Circle area
  - Dodd St. area
  - Sherman-Jackson St. area
  - West-Joy area
- MAJOR Safety Issue - Volente neighbors walk, run and walk dogs directly in the line of traffic on 2769 and Lime Creek daily. Note: during an 8am drive from West to 2769 and towards Austin you may normally encounter 2-5 pedestrians directly in the line of traffic. (this is not including road-bikers)
- The Village of Volente has no place for Children! Children must play in their yards or in the street.



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Five Village Neighborhoods

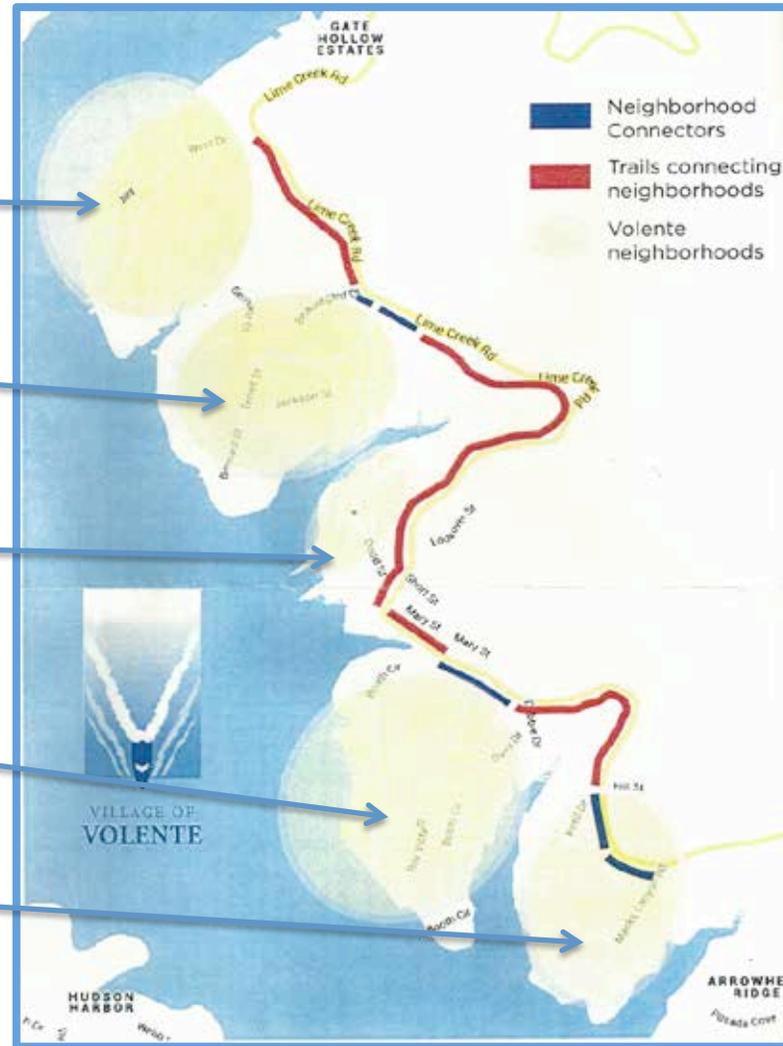
1 West-Joy area

2 Sherman-Jackson St. area

3 Dodd St. area

4 Booth Circle area

5 Macks Canyon area





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Initial Un-Ignorable Finding/Conclusion:

All Volente residents that walk outside of their neighborhoods are in IMMIDENT DANGER of having an INJURIOUS or FATAL conflict with vehicle traffic on 2769 or Lime Creek road.



Solution: Get our Volente pedestrian neighbors off of the roads

Option 1) Prohibit pedestrians from walking on 2769 or Lime Creek road

Option 2) Give our Volente neighbors a viable option to walking on the roads

Option 3) Other?



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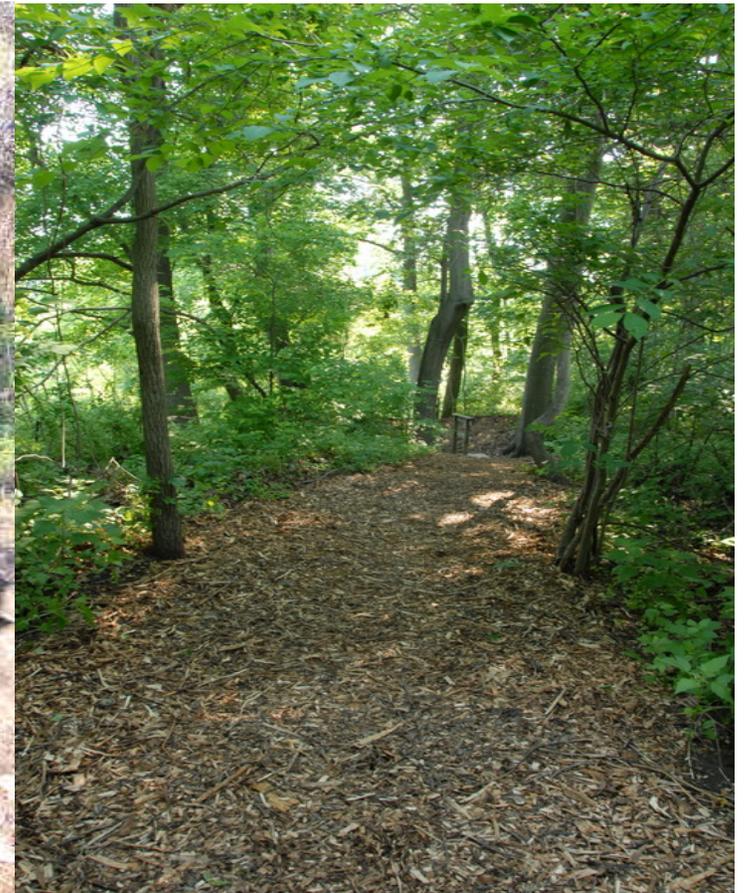
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Council Meeting Presentation



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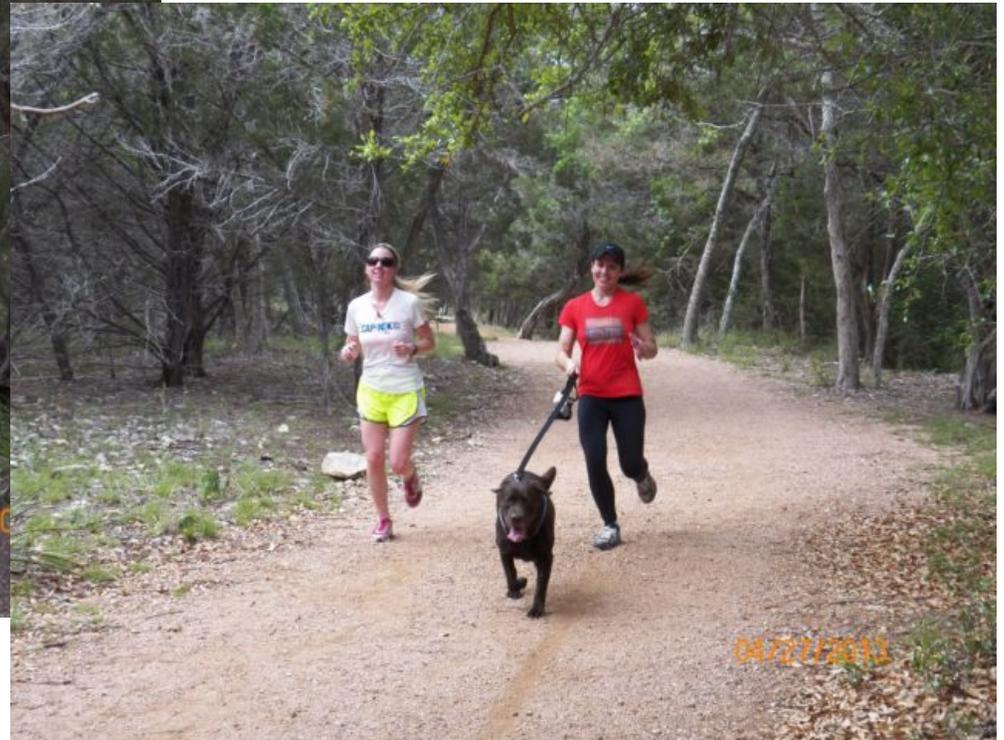




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After we give Volente pedestrians a viable choice other than 2769 or Lime Creek  
Shall we give our families and children a place to play???

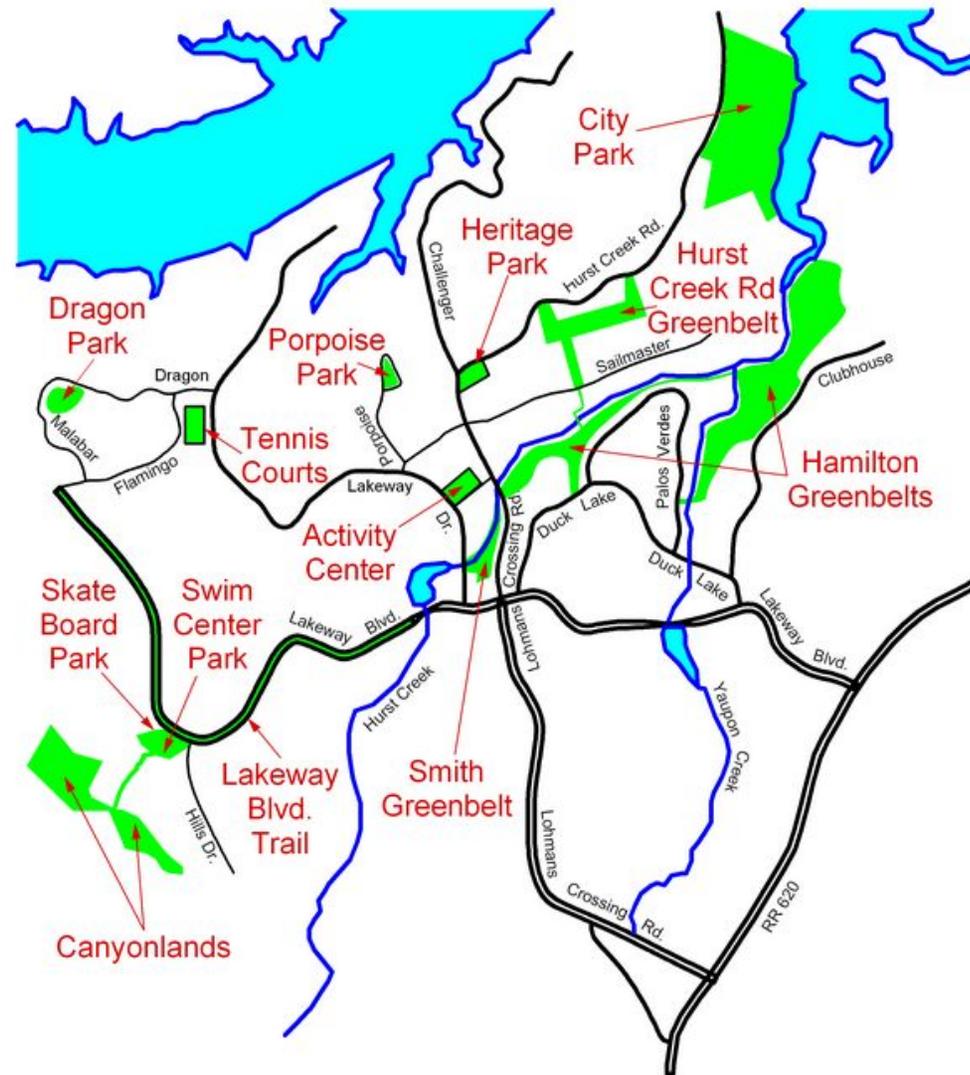




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Who has done this well?  
Why re-invent the wheel.  
Lakeway's Hamilton Greenbelt  
is a nice reference.

Notice Lakeway's extensive  
Family focus with Parks, Trails  
and Activity Centers



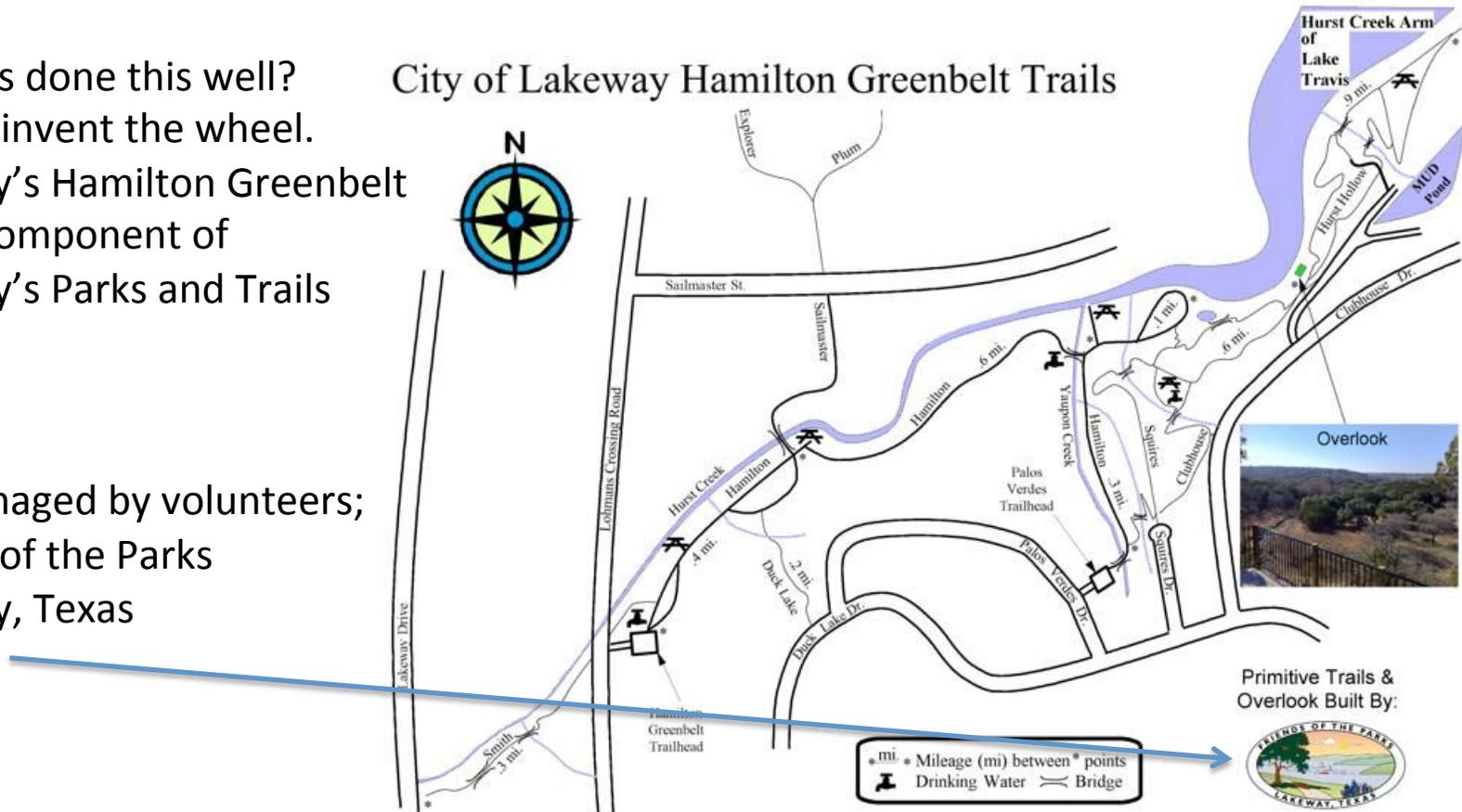


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system.

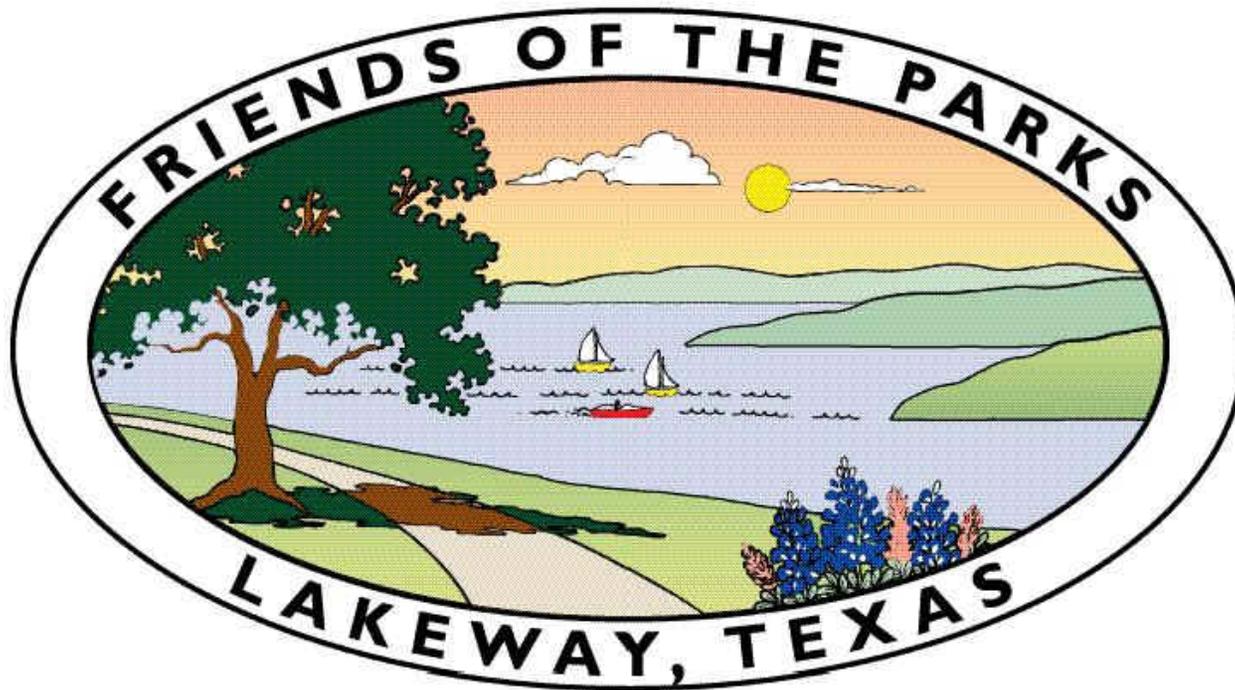
Note:  
It is managed by volunteers;  
Friends of the Parks  
Lakeway, Texas

City of Lakeway Hamilton Greenbelt Trails





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<http://www.lakewayfop.org>

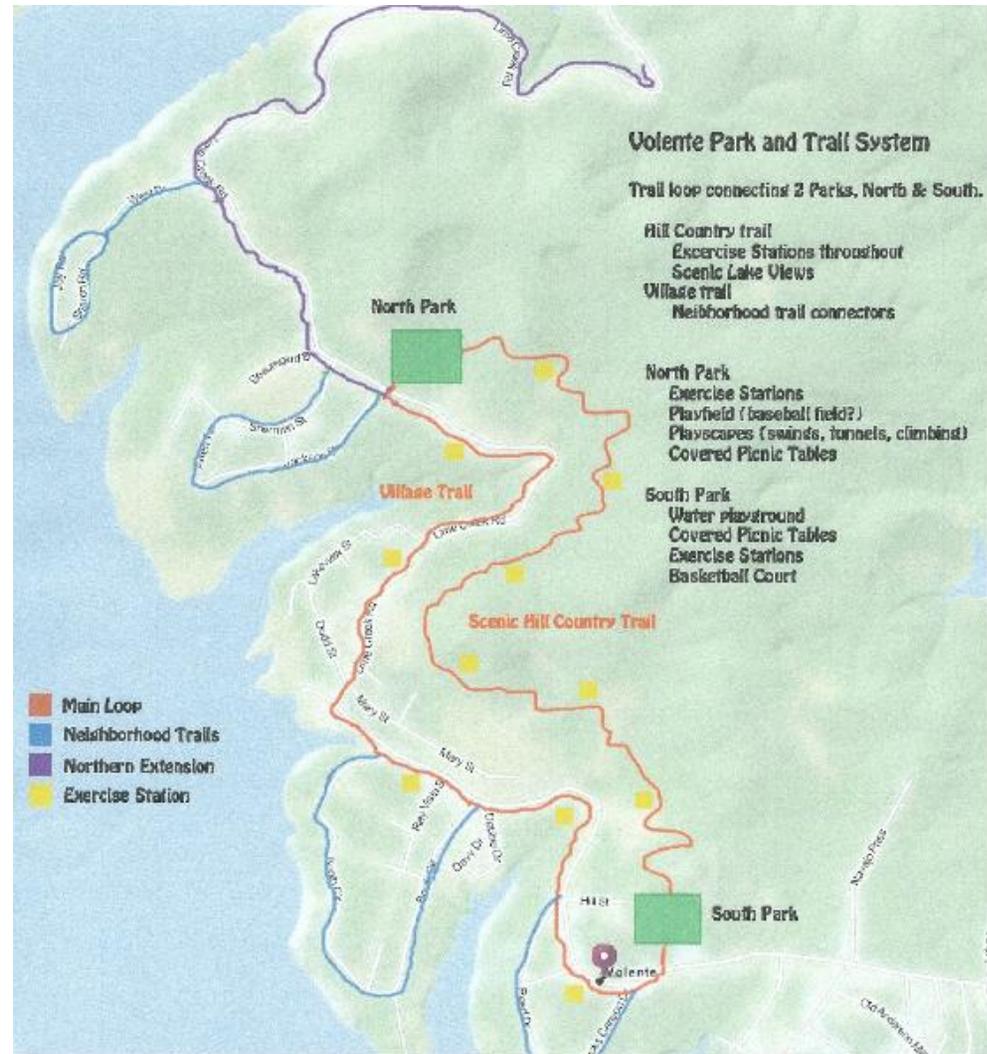


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Can we do something like what Lakeway has done for our Village????

A vision for one possible future from Committee member Curtis Ratica...

Volente Parks and Trails





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## Prioritized Summary (Refinement Continuing)

- Fix a Safety issue: Get Volente pedestrians off of 2769 and Lime Creek before someone gets hurt
  
- Connect our Village: Join our neighborhoods
  - Macks Canyon area
  - Booth Circle area
  - Dodd St. area
  - Sherman-Jackson St. area
  - West-Joy area
  
- Make our Village child friendly: Add parks, playscapes and family areas
  - > Improve and maintain Friendship Park
  - > Determine what other Parks are possible
  
- Extend our Trails: Allow all Volente residents to enjoy our beautiful Village

one step at a time...