

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

**324.72106 Trail management council; establishment; purpose; adopting operating procedures and electing officers; powers; public hearings; dissolution.**

Sec. 72106.

(1) Two or more governmental agencies may establish a trail management council for the development and management of a trail pursuant to the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.

(2) Upon formation, a council shall adopt operating procedures and shall elect officers as the council considers appropriate.

(3) A council may do 1 or more of the following as authorized in an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512:

(a) Operate and maintain that portion of 1 or more trails that are owned or under the control of the governmental agencies establishing the council.

(b) Pursuant to an agreement under section 72105, operate and maintain that portion of 1 or more trails that are located on state owned land.

(c) Review and consider current and potential permitted uses of each trail and trail segment and provide an easily understood plan for trail users.

(d) Establish protocols for the development and management of a trail, which may include any of the following:

(i) Signage.

(ii) Trail etiquette and safety guidance.

(iii) A historical and cultural interpretive plan.

(iv) A formula for sharing costs of maintenance.

(v) A plan for linking the trail to nearby water trails, where appropriate.

(vi) A plan for providing transit-based access for trail users in order to enhance access for those who may not reside in the vicinity of the trail.

(e) Coordinate the enforcement of trail rules and regulations and other applicable laws and ordinances, including permitted uses of the trail on trails owned or under the control of the governmental agencies establishing the council or, pursuant to an agreement under section 72105, trails that are located on state owned land.

(f) Receive any grant made from the fund or other funding related to that portion of a trail within its jurisdiction.

(g) Acquire or hold real property for the purpose of operating a trail.

(h) Perform other functions consistent with this part.

(4) A council may hold 1 or more public hearings to receive input and provide information on the development and management of a trail.

(5) A council may be dissolved by the governmental agencies that participated in creating the council. However, if a council has entered into an agreement with the department under section 72105, the agreement shall specify how the council may be dissolved.

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