

JOINT RESPONSES

TOPIC: General	Responses
1 Find some other piece of land for the golf course! DO NOT DESTROY THESE BEAUTIFUL HIKING TRAILS! I love this corner of my Arizona!	Thank you for your comment.
2 Work with trail groups to find way to both win.	Agree. Thank you for your comment.
3 It's a waste of tax payer money!	This project will not use tax payers money nor County Parks funds- project completely funded by Junior National Foundation.
TOPIC: Trails	Responses
1 Please do not destroy trails for a golf course with no intention to actually help children.	Junior National Foundation's a 501C-3 funded with private dollars with a mission: A non-profit golf foundation designed to change the lives of youth, specifically at-risk youth, through the great game of golf. The County Parks are entering into an agreement with a mission to provide quality outdoor recreation to diverse individuals.
2 Somehow work around the quail trail! This trail is one of the busiest trail heads. Estrella Park is limited on challenging trails. Although Quail is not long, it is one of the most challenging trails. Not to mention, look at the parking lots, it is by far the busiest trail. Without that trail, leading around baseline, I would not come to that park.	Agree - will look at options to reroute to keep equal value. The Quail Trail will continue to have access the trailhead parking lot and connect to Baseline.
3 Leave the trails as they are.	Any reroutes will maintain same level of difficulty, increase the trail mileage, goal is not to go backwards with a reduction but to increase the trail miles and since 2004 County Parks has increased 17 trail miles.
4 There should be some considerations for the trail system that is already established in the area.	See Response #3.
5 I don't like that it will affect the park trails that currently exist. Why such a large scale.	Topography affects the design, environmental, and safety. The desire is to lay the course on top of and not affect the Sonoran Desert. Courses are based on an 18 hole course - makes it a destination - on a national scale with a youth focus. From a financial and operation, a 9-hole is not feasible. Two courses need to operate to generate the finances to support the youth playing for free.
6 Not providing programs for underserved/at-risk youth. That will increase crime in our community and make it unsafe. I absolutely do not support doing this in our community. Giving at-risk kids opportunities like this is great, but find another location to do it in. Do it in their communities, not ours! If this happens, I will definitely consider moving. You should be promoting things that increase the value of our community, not the opposite. Also, we love the trails as they are, and I oppose re-routing them. Not okay to disturb our space for kids who don't even live in this area. Another big concern is that this will increase traffic.	There is data that reflect just the opposite such as youth.gov where they indicate that positive opportunities and encounters show higher rates of successful transitions into adulthood. There are tons of articles on the web reflecting the benefits of sports for adult transitions. The City of Goodyear is currently evaluating plans to improve the intersection of Vineyard and Estrella Parkway.
7 Do not adjust trail system. They are used daily and the underprivileged of Maricopa county should have plenty of other golf courses to serve them with the right program (s) in place	See Response #3 - from a brief search there are multiple courses that offer kids free with a paying adult, several that offer scholarships and/or yearly fees, but none that offer completely free.
8 Complete the golf course and the route trails around the golf course	Thank you for your comment.
9 Complete the golf course. Add trails for hiking	Majority of Maricopa County Parks are multiuse - hike, bike, and equestrian.
10 Adjusting trails around golf course then expand.	Thank you for your comment.
11 An area of this course/resort, that would allow access to hikers and bikers to sit down and have a bite/refreshments while biking or hiking past.	Public restaurant usage allowed. Will consider trail access to club house.
12 I never see the golf course busy. I think its important to understand that some people use that portion of the park to take younger children as it isn't steep and has smaller trails for use. I also think the use of the park is much user friendly than a golf course. People can hike, bike, run, take their dogs, etc. A golf course...well, you just golf.	The golf course has increased by (attendance and revenue). The Park Master Plan depicts that we will not develop more than 10% of the park acres, currently, we are at 2.3% development. The use of the park is not going to change, see Response #3.
13 You are rerouting so many mountain bike trails, it is a huge detriment to the cycling community.	Based on the Department's review, we estimate a loss of 200 feet of trails; however, additional trails are planned for future development.
14 Keep existing trail system in place.	See Response #3.
15 Existing trail system kept in place.	See Response #3.
16 Bike trails around the course. Walking trails near and around course. 10 inch cup on each green as second option for golfers- super fun and it speeds play.	Thank you for your comment.
17 Why not share the space with the trails routed around the golf holes.	See Response #3.
18 Please don't eliminate any Mountain Bike trails	See Response #3.
19 Clarify how the proposed golf course will affect the existing trails. The proposed golf course should not affect existing trails. Clarify the need for the proposed course. I believe Junior golf can meet their mission by improving existing facilities and building practice area without building a second course. Is there a proposed hotel to be built? If so the junior golf is a smoke screen to the owners real intent of developing the property for business profit.	See Response #3 and: We are working with the trail users to find ways to reroute a couple trails in certain areas to ensure when we are done that there are more miles of trails than when we started. The second course allows us to impact more junior golfers as well as have one course for the juniors when we have an event for them or junior programming happening while still providing golf for locals and visitors to play. Juniors will play for free.
20 No rerouting of trails. A golf course doesn't need to be larger to help at risk youth.	Thank you for your comment.
21 Save the natural desert trails!	Thank you for your comment.
22 Start with NOT adding a huge water burden to an area in deep drought. Finish with NOT messing with trails by adding huge water burdens to an area burdened by drought.	See Response #3 and we are committed to being good stewards of the land by reducing water usage wherever we can. Junior National has already begun by changing the grass on the greens at the existing course to one needing less water, improving irrigation systems, removing evasive trees that are heavy water-users. Moving forward Junior National plans to transition to a different grass on the fairways that uses up to 20% less water, reduce our irrigated turf acreage and the, continue eliminate the non-native water-thirsty trees, bring back native (desert areas that were originally there) where grass was planted and replace the current grass landing area of the driving range with a new range with artificial turf in the landing.
23 The expansion of the golf course should NOT impact the existing trail system. We need to conserve water not increase the consumption of water for a small number of people.	See Responses #3 and #22.
24 You need to revise the plan so that biking trails are not lost.	See Response #3 and #9.
25 Show proposed rerouting of trails that are impacted. Use funds to expand the trail system, as a regional park must preserve the integrity of experiencing the natural state of the desert. Discuss the water source or adding/expanding the course. What will be in place to ensure regional park land does not get sold to a private party in the future?	See Response #3...we want to work with the trail user groups to reroute the trails. Water comes from on-site well and see 22 on more water information. Junior National only leases the land from the County. All the buildings and investments we put into the property are the County's assets.
26 Don'tt expand onto trails	See Response #3.
27 Avoid existing trails	See Response #3.
28 Do not cut into existing trail, go east of golf course road into disturbed desert landscape that is just south of the host campsites.	See Response #3.
29 Not interfere with existing trail network	See Response #3.

30	I'm concerned about the number of trails that are closing that are currently used by hikers, cyclists and runners. We need more trails not less.	See Response #3 - there are no plans to close trails. The goal is to reroute with a net zero loss of trails with a desired outcome of increase trail mileage.
31	Implementing multi-use paths so people can still enjoy the mountain but not interfere with the golfers. Similar to other desert golf courses that have hiking, walking biking trails.	See Response #3.
32	how about a plan that doesn't impact existing, well-established trail systems and doesn't contribute to the decade+ drought the valley is already experiencing	See response #3 and #22.
33	Keep the trails	See Response #3.
34	leave the trails untouched	See Response #3.
35	Trails in the area should not be removed for another golf course. Phoenix are already has plenty of cold course but not enough trail systems.	See Response #3.
36	The trails that are being moved/relocated are some the higher used trails in the park.	See Response #3.
37	If this goes happened, it should be considered to expand trail area and make up for the closed/ rerouted trails. As a user of this area, I ask to not shrink the area we have left.	See Response #30.
38	Supporting at risk youth is good. Taking away outdoor recreation by removing trails I go not support. Teach the youth to ride rather than golf. It's a cheaper, more accessible sport.	Thank you for your comment.
39	Do not move currently established mountain bike trails.	See Response #3 and #30.
40	The only way I'd support this is if the current trails were kept, possibly rerouted, but still having access to well established multiuse trails in the area.	See Response #3 and #30.
41	Avoid impact to trails.	See Response #3.
42	Dont take away locals trails that help people connect with nature for yet another artificial golf course that is wasteful of our water a sparse resource and takes away a close area to hike/bike.	See Response #3 and #22.
43	Adjust scope to avoid rerouting trails. Also, provide a water use impact study and detail how will the newly built facilities will be paid for to operate post construction.	See Response #3 and #22.
44	I could only support if all trails remain.	See Response #3 and #30.
45	Can we work back in some of the trails that will be taken out due to this plan.	See Response #30.
46	Do not take out any biking or hiking trails	See Response #9 and #30.
47	Maintain and improve the existing bike trails.	Thank you for your comment.
48	I'm opposed to any plan that reduces or limits trails. And a golf course expansion, during a mega drought? Goodness.	See Response #3 and #22.
49	No reduction of existing trail system	See Response #30.
50	Do not remove existing trails and recreational areas for a golf course.	See Response #3.
51	I wouldn't be in favor of any design that destroys or removes access to the existing trails.	See Response #3.
52	should not impact existing trails	See Response #3.
53	Leave Rainbow Valley, Quail & Baseline Trails intact.	Thank you for your comment.
54	Keep all mountain bike trails the way they are.	Thank you for your comment, see Response #9.
55	Leave the existing nature and network of extremely popular bike trails in place. We do not need another golf course sucking up water needed for human beings in the desert.	See Response #9, #22, and #30.
56	Please do not get rid of existing hiking trails!	See Response #3 and #30.
57	Please scale down the expansion and leave the existing trails alone.	See Response #3 and #30.
58	Do not impact the existing bike trails.	See Response #3 and #30.
59	I like the idea of development but shared use is key. Golf allows for use for a very specific set of users. If the course was integrated to allow the existing trail system to remain unchanged and even add on to Those, it could support multiuse and different user bases more	See Response #3.
60	Please leave the trails alone. They are what make the park exceptionally enjoyable.	Thank you for your comment. See Response #3.
61	While you are providing another venue for under served youth, you are destroying the area that was developed for one previously NICA (the HS mountain biking league) . In addition, many organizations and coaches use that area to help get people into mountain biking and host such things as new rider clinics and women mountain bike camps. Building this will partially destroy that foundation. Why intrude on an area that has had so much time and money poured into it (not to mention blood, sweat and tears)? The current course hardly gets as much use as other courses further north that are easily accessible off I-10, is not centrally located and the money would be better served to improve another course that can reach more youth without intruding on a current and established trail system.	See Response #3.
62	Please be mindful of the existing mountainbiking and hiking trails.	Agree.
63	Not taking more trails from the park.	See Response #3 and #30.
64	Change it so it doesn't effect the trails. The trails which are part of the huge selling feature of EMR. Plus we don't need yet another golf course or a revamped golf course to continue to deplete water.	See Response #3 and #22.
65	Do not destroy existing trail or limit access to the park. There is not a need for another golf course at this location.	See Response #3 and #30.
66	The local golf course is not used to capacity. This project excludes a large group of people removing their ability to utilize current trails for many other activities. ongoing upkeep costs would be prohibitive for another underutilized golf course in this area.	Junior National is focused on rebuilding the Tres Rios Course to bring the capacity up. See Response #9 and #30. Maricopa County Parks welcomes all to use the trails. Junior National has the financial stability to maintain and develop the course for the long term.
67	Do not get rid of any trails!	See Response #30.
68	Your taking away trails that many people use. The nature center is the first parking lot after entering the park and all those trails will be impacted. I don't feel hikers can support or not support the project, until we know how the trails will be "rerouted". I would support the project, as long as the number and length of trails is reasonably maintained. However if creating the new golf facilities significantly diminishes the hiking options, it would be a detriment to our family.	See Response #3 and #30.
69	If current trails are rerouted and not just cut out altogether, I might be able to support this plan. Do we really need more golf courses in the desert? I play golf, but this seems to be overkill with the water issues we already have in the valley.	See Response #3 and #22.
70	Limit expansion to prevent impact to existing trails (specifically Quail and Rainbow Valley (no rerouting). Limit outer limit of valley expansion south to prevent closure to existing Estrella community (ie Lucero)	See Response #3.
71	Proposal map shows part of rainbow and quail will be cutoff to make way for the development. Please reconsider this as this as many trail users will lose trail access.	See Response #3 and #30.
72	Maintaining or improving the access and total mileage of trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding that is present now. In other words, the beautiful trails should not be diminished because of one focused activity such as golf.	See Response #3 and #30.
73	Expanding the proposed new course to where it does not interfere with existing trail systems.	See Response #3.
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75	My only concern is Rainbow Valley trail reroute, which is one of the trails I use the most in the park.	See Response #3.
76	Do not remove trails in the park please.	See Response #3 and #30.
77	Not interfering with existing hiking & biking trails in the park	See Response #3, #9, and #30.
78	Less golf course, more multi use trails	See Response #30.
79	Very difficult to understand the renderings and the impact to the trail system. There is plenty of useless green space, ball fields, etc. why disrupt the trail system?	Thank you for your comment. Maricopa County Parks has reduced the turf areas in the park from 60 acres to 10 acres. See Response #3 and #30.
80	Protect the trails! I would support this if all existing trails are preserved.	See Response #30.
81	If you are willing to expand the hiking/biking trails that are being impinged upon by the redevelopment, then I could get behind it, but if you just expect to take away trails with nothing in return, then I do not support it.	See Response #3 and #30.
82	The loss of hiking and biking trails is my concern. Trails cannot cut through the course for safety. Development of new trails and expansion of current trails in areas outside the golf course and proposed expansion could sway my opposition	See Response #3 and #30.
83	Renovate within existing golf course boundary. Leave the mountain bike trails that integrate well with the natural environment instead of adding more water easing golf courses.	Renovation of the existing golf course is underway. See Response #3, #9, and #30.
84	Please leave our trails alone! We use and love these trails!	Thank you for your comment. See Response #3.
85	Estrella Regional park has miles of beautiful trails. It is a gem of serenity. I am in favor of youth programs and opportunities but would love to see a plan that does not impact existing trails.	Thanks you for your comment. See Response #30.
86	Please don't bulldoze our hiking trails.	See Response #3.
87	This is impacting two of the most popular trails at the park. I can't see how they can just be rerouted. It appears more likely we will lose Baseline and a large portion of Rainbow Valley. Very disappointing.	See Response #3.
88	Keep trail miles the same if reroutes are necessary.	See Response #30.