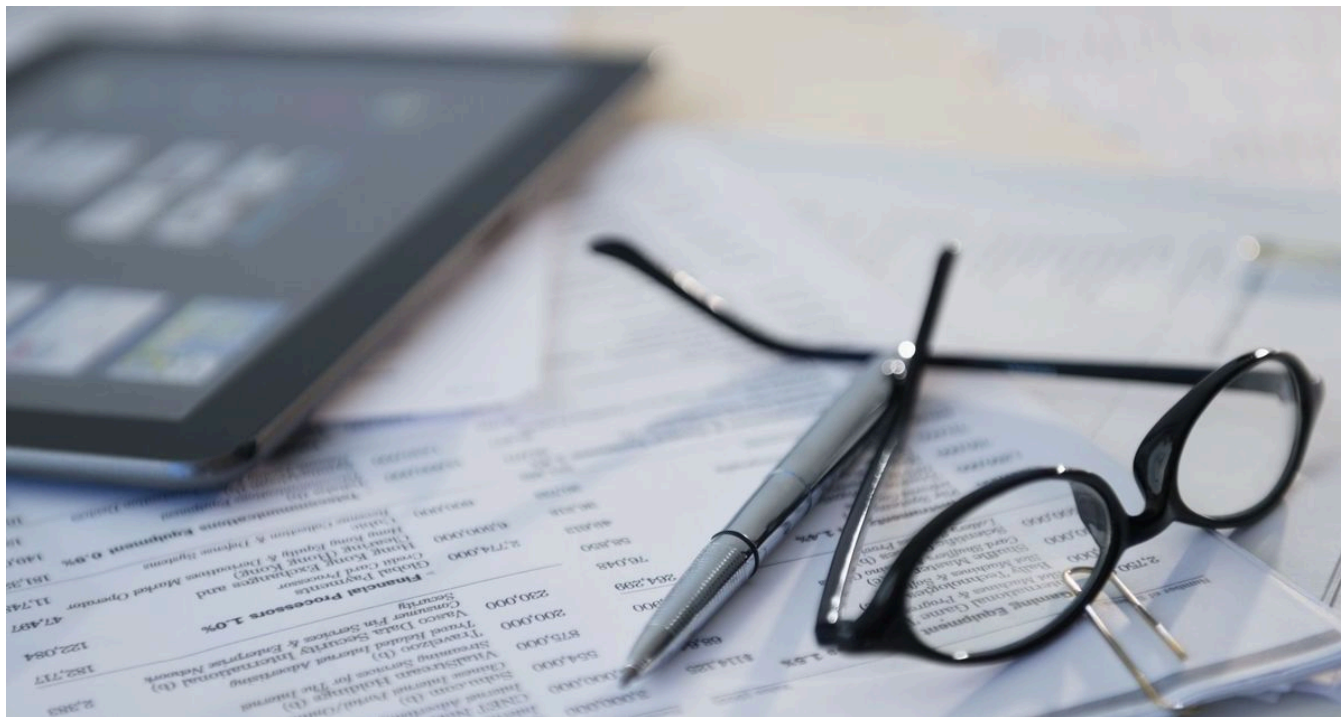


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“We look forward to putting on events that the whole community can participate in, to get people out on bicycles, especially kids and families.”

Contingent on city approval, the bike park would be located between the Marine Mammal Center, the municipal sewage treatment plant and the dog park.

The design plan has been financed by the Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

Included in the agreement is an experiential training program with Del Norte High School students in the computer-aided design class taught by Adam Morris.

The Trail Labs Co. engineering and design team plans to introduce the concept of bike park planning and design, and engage students to apply their computer-aided design skills, to assist in determining shape and volume calculations for the project, and possibly a mock-up of the site plan.

The bike park would feature a pump track, which is a series of rolling hills and banked turns that cyclists can “pump” their bike over without having to pedal, gaining speed as they go.

The park may also include a smaller “tot track,” essentially a miniature version of a pump track designed specifically for younger children on strider bikes.

Both pump tracks would be paved with asphalt to minimize maintenance, allow for all-weather use, and facilitate inclusion of other activities such as skateboards, scooters and roller skates.

Gillespie said part of the vision statement of the Del Norte Trail Alliance is to “enhance our recreation infrastructure to attract mountain biking tourists.” The group is working to develop new mountain bike trails on public lands, and volunteers to help with trail maintenance on public lands every third Sunday of the month.

For more information, go to delnortetrailalliance.org or the alliance’s Facebook page, or email delnortetrailalliance@gmail.com.