Constructing Connections: Visitors to Volunteers

A.T. Trail Experience

- Used Peter Jensen's South Face Option 2 and East Face Option 1
- Redesigned the trail to inspire, provoke, intrigue, and honor volunteers. Optimized opportunities in landscape to do so, and ran the trail through these areas
- Showoff construction projects to hikers: make them aware of volunteers at hand, and inspire them to join volunteer workforce
- Easy accessibility trail to accommodate people with disabilities – allow more people to see more of Bear Mountain.
- Shuttle service will transport visitors to several drop off / pick up points on mountain.

Accessible Trail

- Use paved, asphalt road for easily accessible trail
- Combined with first shuttle stop and goes around South of mountain to loop, and up other end of Perkins Drive
- More people can see what really goes into trail design

Crossing Perkins Drive

- Coming from South, A.T. crosses Perkins Drive
- Crosses, and continues on abandoned, paved road (Easy Accessible Trail)
- No more hiking along Perkins Drive, and no more confusion on where the trail leads.

Join with Major Welch Trail, & Ascend to Peak via Existing A.T.

- At a certain elevation, cut across face of mountain and join with MW Trail
- Construction, if any, could be done promptly by volunteers who care
- A.T. runs along accessible trail, then heads up steep slopes
- A chance to really show what can be done on a mountain to through hikers and hikers on accessible trail

Descend to Pine Flats via old A.T.

- Pine Flats are a necessary area to run trail – good views and aesthetically pleasing
- Area in which volunteers can begin construction ASAP – drain bars, stone stairs

Cutting Across Steep Valley

- Demanding construction necessary to build trail along contour line
- * Pleasing views down into valley

Boulder Park

- Area on mountain that can really show off construction and design – attract hikers
- Lots of effort needed for construction
- Aesthetically unique area for trail to run through

[Legend]

- Proposed AT
- Current AT
- Accessible Trail
- Major Welch Trail
- Paved trail
- Abandoned road

[Images and Maps]

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[Map of Bear Mountain Trail System with proposed rerouting of A.T. through boulder park, creation of large garden area at peak, and integration of volunteers into the trail design process.]