

# Revitalizing the MU Forest

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## Problem

Unmaintained trails, which include debris such as an abandoned car and fallen trees, and a lack of knowledge have led to a reduction in use of the MU forest. We would like to determine how to get students, faculty, and staff interested in the trail and forest.

## Constraints

- Lack of manpower due to low interest
- Funds needed for the work - fundraising and/or patronage
- Work crew limitations due to COVID-19 protocols

## Customer Needs

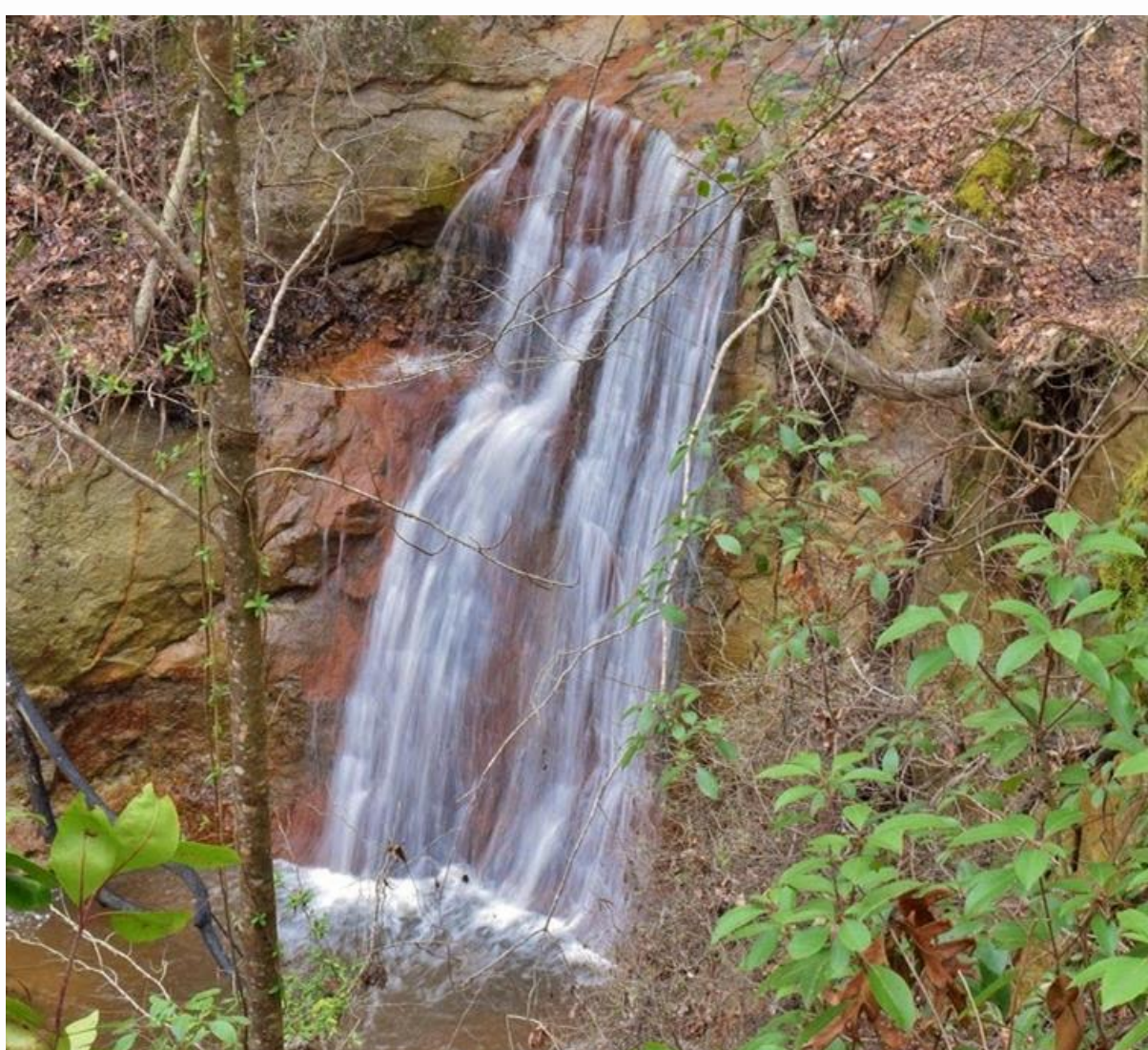
Student survey responses requested:

- Small tables with chairs
- Small fire pit
- Revamped walkways and stairs
- Camping areas
- Biking trails, or places to put bikes when resting on the trail
- Clean water sources
- Regular maintenance
- Phone charging stations



## Viable Solutions

- Add benches
- Clean up 'side paths' to other trails/sites
- Add signs telling people where the trail is
- Raking of leaves and re-marking of trail markers
- Regular placement/replenishment of legend for reading maps already in circulation
- Use of deadwood/downed trees to help mark path



## Alternative viable solutions

- Bike rack at the beginning and end of the trail
- Reach out to large hardware/material providers for clean-up/refurbishment material in exchange for their name on the trail signs
- 'Gravelling' the trail, making it easier to walk on