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**From:** Hammonds, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 1:03 PM  
**To:** Mussler, Ed  
**Cc:** Little, Geof; Shackelford, Dennis  
**Subject:** FW: Hoke County Landfill Buffer -- Use for Recreational Trail  
**Attachments:** Forest\_Landfill\_Aerial.pdf; Landfill\_Loop\_Aerial.pdf; Forest\_Landfill\_Topo.pdf; Landfill\_Loop\_Topo.pdf

Ed,

Please see the info below. Ms. McCann, Conservation Fund, is seeking approval to use part of the buffer of the closed MSWLF in Hoke Co as part of the trail system for a park. According to Ms. McCann there are no plans to do anything on top of waste. Initially there wasn't a rush to on this but now there are a couple of Boy Scouts that want to do work on trails in for their badges and there are approvals they need as well to do the work. Where do they go from here?

Respectfully,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 1:21 PM  
**To:** Hammonds, Andrew  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hoke County Landfill Buffer -- Use for Recreational Trail

Hello Andrew,

I am re-sending an email that I sent you two weeks ago to make sure you received it. Please let me know if there is anything else that you need from me.

Thank you,  
Monica McCann

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**From:** **Monica O. McCann** <[mmccann@conservationfund.org](mailto:mmccann@conservationfund.org)>  
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Hello Drew,

My name is Monica McCann, and I work for The Conservation Fund. I spoke with you a few weeks ago about the Hoke Community Forest project we are working on just outside of Raeford. It is currently owned by The Conservation Fund but will be transferred to Hoke County in the coming months. The forest is a 532-acre parcel that borders the Hoke Landfill property and will be used for recreation and environmental education. Hoke County will also derive economic benefits from the property -- they will be able to sustainably harvest timber and rake pine straw once the longleaf pine restoration is complete. You can see more information here:

[http://www.resourcefulcommunities.org/Hoke\\_Community\\_Forest](http://www.resourcefulcommunities.org/Hoke_Community_Forest)

When we last spoke, I mentioned that we were in the process of developing the trails on the property. Most of trails already exist as former logging and access roads and simply require some clearing and maintenance. We are hoping to utilize an established trail on the Hoke County Landfill buffer as an extension of one of our trails. This trail appears to have been frequently used when both properties were owned by International Paper. The addition of this "landfill loop" would greatly enhance the recreational value of the property. Users would have greater hiking and horseback riding trail choices, be able to see a variety of ecosystems, and increase total distance trail users could utilize. In addition, the County is fully in favor of utilizing the landfill buffer, if possible.

The Conservation Fund has been working with the County since 2003 to develop the Hoke Community Forest. We have helped the County raise the entire purchase price through various grant programs, including NCDENR's Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. Because of easement restrictions, the property will be dedicated to recreation and conservation in perpetuity, ensuring that no development will ever encroach on the landfill or its buffer.

We have received funding to develop the recreational infrastructure on the property. In addition, volunteer labor has been committed from local community members and area Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

I am attaching maps that better illustrate what we are proposing both for the Hoke Community Forest property, as well as the proposed "landfill loop". Please note, the majority of the landfill loop is contained within the forested area -- only a small portion of it will travel along the treeline. We will physically delineate the trail and create multiple postings that clearly prohibit and deter users from wandering off the trail.

In addition, people will only be able to access the landfill loop through the Hoke Community Forest property. Access cannot be gained through the landfill entrance.

The maps attached include:

- **Forest\_Landfill\_Aerial:** This map depicts an aerial view of the two bordering properties (Hoke Community Forest and the Hoke Landfill), along with all the planned recreational trails.
- **Landfill\_Loop\_Aerial:** A zoomed in view of the proposed landfill loop trail.
- **Forest\_Landfill\_Topo:** A map of the two bordering properties (Hoke Community Forest and the Hoke Landfill) with topographic data.
- **Landfill\_Loop\_Aerial:** A zoomed in view of the proposed landfill loop trail with topo data.

I just wanted to restate that the proposed landfill loop trail will greatly enhance the recreational value of the property. The trail would be consistently and continually maintained. Boundary markers, as well as explicit postings, would clearly delineate the trail and help ensure it is properly used. Trail users would only be able to access the trail through the Community Forest property. In addition, the property will close at dusk, ensuring use only during daylight hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns. We welcome any suggestions your agency might have to ensure that this proposed trail does not pose a hazard to the landfill or visitors to the Hoke Community Forest.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Monica McCann

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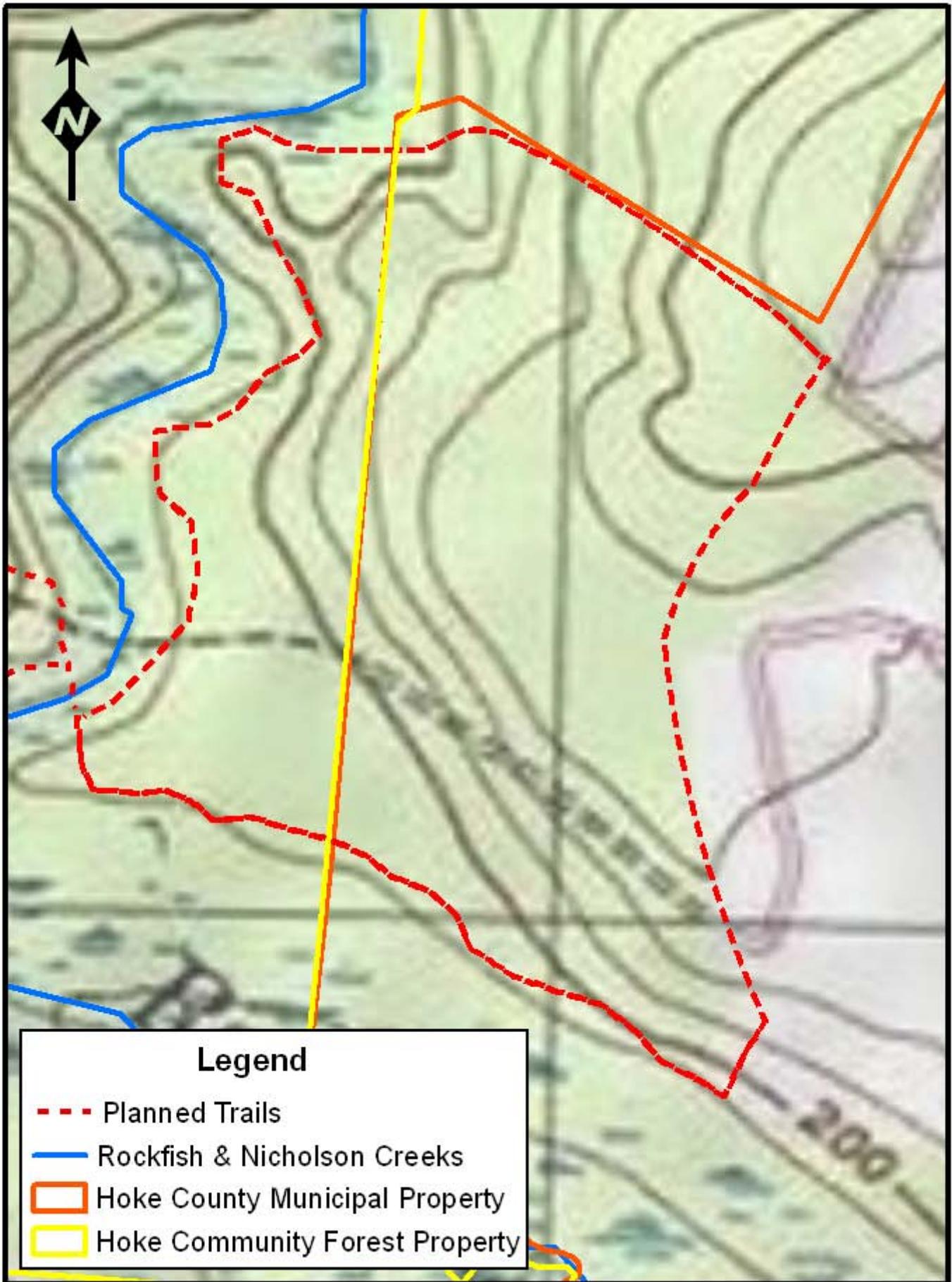
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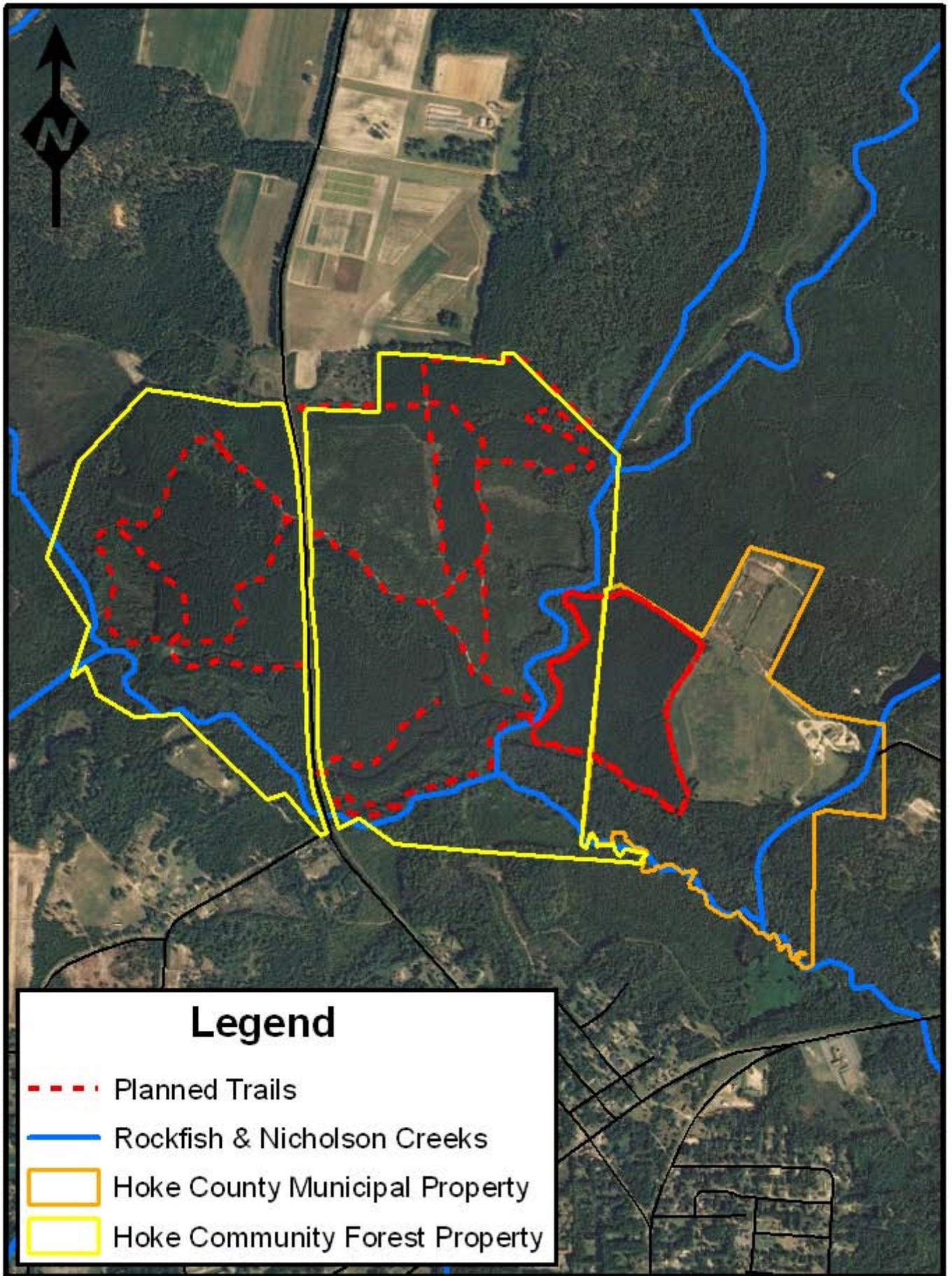
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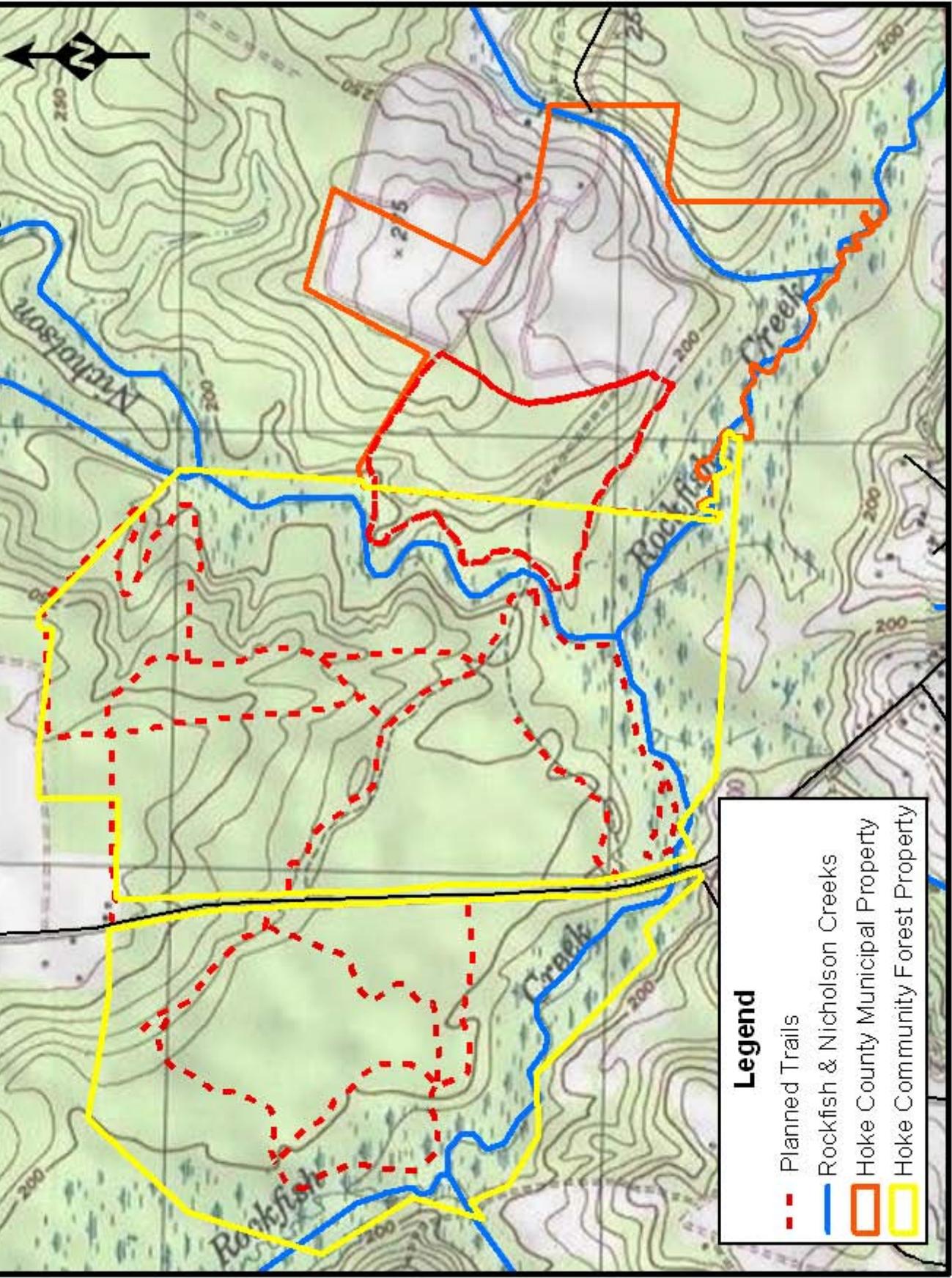
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## Legend

- Planned Trails
- Rockfish & Nicholson Creeks
- ▭ Hoke County Municipal Property
- ▭ Hoke Community Forest Property

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