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Dear Josh,

I am writing to request that Green Mountain Athletic Association have permission to hold the 45th Annual Round Church Women's Run again this year. Details are listed below. As we did last year, we will maintain practices consistent with the most current Covid 19-related social policies and practices. We are currently planning an in-person event. I have planned to offer the 5k and 10k distances. Please see the note about turn-around locations below.

We feel grateful to have been able to host this event that benefits the physical and mental health of so many members of our community for so many seasons, especially now. Knowing the effort required by the Selectboard and other community members to maintain harmony among Richmond residents, we are also grateful to the Town of Richmond for supporting the recreational pursuits along Cochran Rd.

As required by the Town of Richmond Charitable Event Policy, this is an event that benefits Girls on the Run. In addition to providing them with a financial contribution from the proceeds of our race registrations, this run offers young runners an opportunity to see role models coming out to race. In addition, many GotR participants also sign up for this event to run with an adult woman they know or even on their own.

As in the past, I plan to contact the Richmond Historical Society for permission to use their parking area. I will also contact Heidi Bormann from Mann & Machine as well as all the other business owners/stakeholders involved in the Shops & Services at Round Church Corner.

Here is more detailed information about the race:

Date: **Saturday**, July 20, 2024
Time: **7:30am** – 10:00am (Most participants will be off the course between 8:55-9:10.)
Start: Farr Rd, behind Mann & Machine
Finish: Farr Rd, behind Mann & Machine
Distances: 5k turn on Cochran Rd 19'4" west of utility pole #110404
Public spaces requested to close: Farr Rd east/west and Thompson Rd north/south starting at 7:25 and
TBD with your input:
Cochran Rd **eastbound** only, where the race is occurring, also starting at 7:25
All roads will re-open at 9:15, although some participants may still be on the course.
Other public spaces to be used: Round Church **lower** parking area
Other requests: Police presence (from another jurisdiction) at the start and the turn-around.

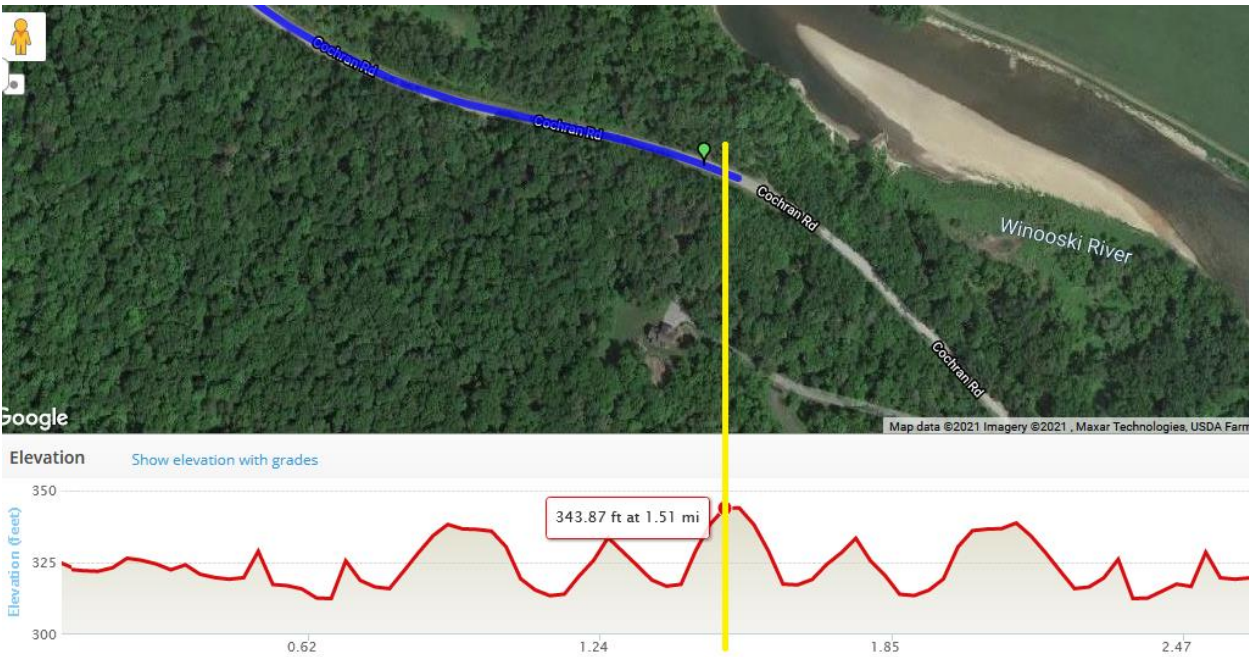
Regarding turn-arounds, we have worked with our GMAA course certifier to move the location of the turn-arounds about 100 yards west, allowing a greater sight-distance for vehicles traveling westbound to be able to see both road crossings better, especially the 5k turn.

If I have left out any information that would be useful for you to have, please feel free to email me or call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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