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**From:** Lev Mailer [mailto:levmeister@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 8:40 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Cc:** levmeister@hotmail.com; John Pope; Paul Hauge; Shelly Golden; Bob Schwartzbauer; Bob Lubar  
**Subject:** ABOUT THE BICYCLE PATH

**Mayor James Hovland**

**Council Members:**

**Joni Bennett**

**Mary Brindle**

**Scot Housh**

**Ann Swenson**

**The Mayor cites the survey that Edina residents want more bike paths. Let us say they want more trees. We will then plant a tree in each of your living rooms. Do you find this intrusive?**

**Will the City Council and Three Rivers guarantee no new taxes will be raised for the bike path in any of the upcoming years?**

**Will our property values be lowered because of the proximity to the bike path?**

**We have a bureaucrat's dream which will become a resident's nightmare.**

**The issue is not about a bike path but whether this bike path will adversely affect the quality of life for the residents? The residents of the affected area should have their day in court with the City Council before a vote is taken. An answer would be appreciated since I cannot attend the December 7th meeting because of a conflict.**

**Sincerely,**

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**cc: John Pope, President Londonderry Homeowners Association  
Paul Hauge, President Edina West Homeowners Association  
Shelly Golden, President Manor Homes Association  
Bob Schwartzbauer, President Habitat Court  
Bob Lubar**

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**From:** Linda Van Blarcom [mailto:lvanblarcom@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 11:54 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Proposed Bike Trail

I am a homeowner who lives at The Heatherton condominium located at 4120 Parklawn Avenue, which is on the proposed bike trail – sections 19-1, 19-2, and 19-3. Here are my concerns about the proposed trail on the streets that border The Heatherton building.

Buses – school and public: this is a high density residential area with many school age children who attend school almost year round. Many of these kids are from other countries and they need additional schooling during the summer. Have you checked with the Edina Public Schools to know their bus routes, the time schedule and how many riders each bus stop handles? We are also on a public bus route with a variety of express and regular bus stops on Gallagher and Parklawn. Have you checked with the bus company to learn about their schedule and the number of riders in this area?

Fire hydrants are mostly on the 19-1 and 19-2 side. If the bike path goes in on this portion of the plan, has the expense of switching the hydrants to the opposite side of the street been considered?

Lawn sprinkler systems – will the building owners be responsible for moving inground sprinklers that could be in the way of the widened bike path?

The sidewalks on the north side of Parklawn and east side of Gallagher are right against the street – we don't have a grassy boulevard separating the street from the sidewalk. Will some of our private property be taken for the bike path? The buildings on both sides of Gallagher and even some buildings on Parklawn are already rather close to the sidewalk. Any further loss of land for the path will result in traffic (and its noise) being even closer to residences. The suggestion of a "fence to preserve privacy" in the June 2010 letter from Three Rivers doesn't say how tall these fences would be...not so sure fences would look very good in our neighborhood. On the Gallagher side, The Heatherton doesn't have room for a fence, landscaping to hide the fence, and off-street parking.

Multi-use of trail for walkers, etc. – does this mean that we lose our sidewalks and now we have to walk on the proposed trail for 19-1, 19-2, 19-3 along with the bikers and skateboarders?

My building's two main entrances are on Parklawn – it's our "front door" with the security system. Most of our visitors park on the north side of Parklawn. If we lose parking on that side of the street, our visitors will have a longer walk to reach our building and have to cross the street in the middle of the block.

Heritage trees: some are already rather close to the street and sidewalk – if the trail goes in and the road/sidewalk width is widened, we could damage the root system and/or these roots could cause the road/path to buckle.

Whole Foods will be building their new store at the southeast corner of France and Parklawn. There will be an increase in car and truck traffic in this area. It is possible that the truckers making deliveries to Whole Foods could use the Section 19 area as their route from Highway 100 to France Avenue.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED Route 19 continuing east on 76th/77th Street to link up to Centennial Lakes at the south end of the lake? There are no residential buildings on that route and mostly businesses that only have an increase of traffic at the start and end of their business day.

Linda L. Van Blarcom

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**From:** LOIS RING [mailto:llrdesigns@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 06, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Nine Mile Creek Trail

Edina City Council

I am in favor of the Nine Mile Creek Trail development. It is time for Edina to join in becoming more connected in other ways than automobile. I am also in favor of Edina becoming more pedestrian friendly.

Lois Ring  
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**From:** Mary Ryan [mailto:MaryRyan@q.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 11:35 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Edina City Council Member

Edina City Council Members  
City of Edina  
4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Council Members,

My husband and I have been property owners in Edina since 1954. We have always been proud of the efficient management of our village and city.

Our present home abuts Nine Mile Creek but presently the latest bike path plan does not go through our yard. However, we are strongly opposed to the bike path proposed that does follow the creek, destroying many trees, natural habitat and through wetlands.

Why do lake cabin property owners take their docks out of the lake in the fall? Just because they like the extra work? No, it is because when the ice melts in the spring, the ice often does not just sink. But rather, it pushes and moves what ever structure that was in the water before it froze. The ice has tremendous force, it expands, pushes and bends wood and even metal. So a dock goes into the lake in the spring and out in the fall.

The proposed bike path along the creek, has numerous boardwalks over and in the wetlands. We feel these could be destroyed each spring just like a lake dock. This would be a large expense to rebuild and or repair.

The Edina Park Board commissioners voted in favor of the Creek route. Perhaps they did not realize all of its ramifications. Edina would be giving Three Rivers Park District a permanent lease of 40 acres of Edina Park Land. Edina citizens stand to gain the least from an elevated trail. Access points will be at either end of the city and limited within city limits. The raised 12 foot wide wooden boardwalk in many places would be built in a 100 year flood plain. Maintenance and use during winter months falls directly to Edina Citizens. Environmental assessments were vague and did not include many factors of an elevated boardwalk.

We feel the Edina's Park Board Members voted by the encouragement of the Edina Park Board Director, John Keprios, without the knowledge of all of the facts.

The results of the survey that you received earlier, fall 2010 was of petitions received only during a one month period in early summer. The many petitions submitted earlier, fall 2009 and winter 2010 were not included, seemingly ignored.

Please vote against routing the Edina Regional Bike Trail along Nine Mile Creek.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Reid Kilberg [mailto:RKilberg@mfcglobalus.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 4:23 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Please vote no - Nine mile regional trail

Mr. Hovland and council members,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on the issue of the nine mile creek regional trail. I was a member of the Community Assessment Team(CAT) for the trail, and feel as though there are several issues regarding the trail which merit your no vote.

1. Cost - The cost of the new trail is excessive. I know that the city of Edina is not directly paying for the trail, but the taxpayers of the city of Edina will be. The Three Rivers Park District is currently not in good financial shape, in fact, they have been freezing the salaries of their employees and raising usage fees. The council should have some guarantees about upkeep and maintenance of the trail. Also, in our CAT meeting with the Watershed district, they said that they could not rule out a tax increase do to the reconstruction of the trail that is part of the product.

2. Public Safety - Not only on the trail, and bringing more people in very close proximity to homes and yards, but the additional toll the trail could take on the city of Edina Police Department. Has the Chief of Police been asked about this issue? The CAT team wanted him to address us, and the park district declined.

3. Traffic Issues - parts of the trail will have a major impact on traffic patterns in already congested areas. One such area is the intersection of Gleason Rd and Vernon Ave. The CAT team asked for an assessment of the impact that a trail crossing at this intersection with have, and none was done.

Lastly, if the city council dose decide to approve the trail, I would hope that you do so with several requirements. I would hope that you address the privacy issues with the park district regarding fencing, screening, and replanting of lost landscaping and mature trees. Again, I urge you to vote no on this issue.

Thank you,  
Reid A. Kilberg  
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**From:** Strickler, Joan [mailto:Joan.Strickler@dialog.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 9:49 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Please vote for the creek route

To The Edina Mayor and City Council:

I strongly support the creek based route for the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. A trail along the creek is much more scenic and safer, and will be a great addition to the recreational opportunities in Edina. It's also good for people who never bike, since bikes on streets slow down traffic and cause traffic jams.

In closing, I urge you to vote for the creek based route of the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail this evening.

Thank you,

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**From:** tracyaearl@aol.com [mailto:tracyaearl@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 4:39 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** 9 mile creek trail

As a long time resident of Edina (my family has owned my house since 1963), I strongly oppose the creation of a bike trail along the 9 mile creek. I feel that this would necessarily disrupt the ecosystem that we have tried for decades to preserve. I also think that the trail will bring an unnecessary element of noise, traffic and litter to the land/yards surrounding the trail. There are plenty of trails in the twin cities, and instituting another one that disrupts the lives of the people and animals that live in the area is unnecessary. If the city council members actually lived along the creek, I'm sure they would not want this either.

Tracy Earl

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**From:** ALAN HOHENSTEIN [mailto:alanhohenstein@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 05, 2010 9:04 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:**

To the Edina City Council. My opinion on a bike path through Edina.

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**From:** A. Sorenson [mailto:ams529@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 04, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Nine Mile Creek

Dear City Council,  
I walk in Walnut Ridge Park frequently and would not like to see this area changed.  
Ann M. Sorenson

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**From:** Ann Cordes [mailto:mariesiemn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 06, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Against 9 Mile Creek Trail

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am totally against the insanity of spending millions of dollars for a trail that will continue to be a maintenance budget buster. I doubt that this email will do any good. It seems like the bigger the price tag the more that Edina wants whatever it is. The latest toy. When I go to city hall and see the waste and the waste of a fire station for the love of one bathroom, it makes me sick. Not to mention that the people in city hall do nothing to stop spending like crazy and tax us to death. Property values have gone down but we keep paying more, because you folks keep spending. It is very disheartening and makes the rest of us feel helpless.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Cordes

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**From:** McFarlane, Barb [mailto:Barb.McFarlane@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 9:28 AM

**To:** Lynette Biunno

**Subject:** bike trail comments

I support the plans for an Edina trail.

I run and bike on trails throughout the metro area, specifically Hopkins, Minnetonka, Wayzata and west, and realize homeowners have concerns about a trail in their backyards.

It has been my experience on these trails, that there is a buffer of landscaping that provides privacy. I would hope this would be a part of any trail plans for Edina's affected homeowners.

The trails have always felt safe to me, and I'm not aware that crime has increased in these areas.

Barb McFarlane

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Edina, MN

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**From:** Bonnie J. Scott [mailto:bsnanatoo@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 05, 2010 12:22 PM

**To:** Lynette Biunno

**Subject:** No to the nine mile trail through the Preserve and Walnut Park

Please listen to us. No trail through Edina.

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**From:** Dick Ward [mailto:dickward1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 4:24 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail--IN FAVOR OF ON THE CREEK TRAIL

Edina City Council members

I know you are holding a public hearing and considering the approval of the nine mile creek regional trail in Edina.

As a citizen and resident in close proximity to the proposed trail location, please know the we, my wife Susan and myself, are in favor of the on-creek location.

This project has received a great deal of attention and some criticism, as have other projects contemplated in Edina and the greater Minneapolis/

Dick and Sue Ward

952-942-5523 home

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**From:** Jan Nolander [mailto:jnolander@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 04, 2010 7:49 PM

**To:** Lynette Biunno

**Subject:** Bike Trail

City Council Members,

I know there has been a lot of noise about the bike trail and a lot of opposition. The fact is that Edina needs a bike trail. It is embarrassing that we lag the rest of the metro area in this regard. Please approve the current design so that construction can begin promptly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan Nolander  
5333 Whiting Avenue

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**From:** Jim Peterson [mailto:jjpeterson42@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 1:14 PM  
**To:** Lynette Biunno  
**Subject:** Nine Mile Creek Development

To The City Council,

I have had many feelings about the proposed bike path between the back of our property on Creek Drive and the Creek. Twenty five years ago when I inquired of the Nine Mile creek Watershed District they said that a walking path would be developed along the creek some day and so that was what I have been expecting to happen "some day." Now that plan is a 12 foot wide bike path to satisfy a special interest group in Edina, not a lazy 3-4 foot walking path that everyone could enjoy, whether their property abutted the creek or they lived several blocks away. Today, young boys and girls can step out of their back yards and drop a line into the creek whenever they choose but when the raised structure is built no one of any age will be able to approach the creek on the east or north side for nearly a mile. That of course also includes the wild life that currently wanders through the back yards and along the creek.

I am being inundated with requests for donations for the poor and hungry of our suburb, and surrounding suburbs, and I think it's unconscionable that we are considering authorizing the expenditure of \$20 to \$30 million for this development during these trying times. No matter where the money is coming from, and how many different funds will cooperate, the money is still coming from your pocketbook and my pocketbook, and I've got far better places to give my money than into the creek-side bike path.

Thanks for your understanding,

Jim and Julie Peterson  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Nisi [mailto:[lnisi@mac.com](mailto:lnisi@mac.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 8:50 AM  
To: Lynette Biunno  
Subject: Support of Bike Trail

City Council Members:

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting but want to voice my support for the Three Rivers bike trail as it is planned.

I feel that this trail will improve the recreational lifestyle for the residents of Edina, enabling us to easily link in to the network of trails throughout the metro. As we become more aware of how physical activity impacts overall good health, it is important to facilitate enjoyable activities for our citizens.

I also feel that the environmental impact may be a positive one, as this area will now be managed more actively. In addition, the ability of people to enjoy the area will likely create awareness of the importance of keeping it healthy.

Finally, I like the idea that the monies Edina has been contributing to Three Rivers would finally result in a tangible asset for our community.

I feel that the process has been thorough and transparent, and I would like to commend all involved with it. I hope that the City Council will approve the trail at the meeting tonight.

Thank you all for your service to the city.

Laura Nisi  
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