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From: Gene Kranz [mailto:ekranz@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2009 6:17 AM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Bike trail along 9 Mile Creek

Dear Council Members,
We are opposed to the bike trail along 9 Mile Creek. The loss of green space that this would represent is not an environmentally sound direction to take. Nine Mile Creek is a water shed area, which already carries heavy runoff in rain storms. Paving over an area that is currently able to absorb water back into the ground is irresponsible.

Also there are two intact wetland areas along the proposed trail that will be destroyed.

My husband, Gene, is retired and has a disability (MS) that confines him to the first floor of our house. One of his joys in life is to look out our window at the natural creek environment and watch animals, starting with snapping turtles in the spring and on to the deer that come up and eat the fruit that falls off the trees in the autumn. There also are safety concerns, with an unrestricted "pathway" moving close behind our house.

We strongly request that the bike trail coming through Edina be routed along already paved streets, and not through 9 Mile Creek.

Thank you.
Gene & Penny Kranz
6613 Cahill Road
952-944-6674

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October 7, 2009

John Keprios, Director
Park & Recreation Department
Edina City Hall
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Director Keprios,

I recently learned that Edina plans to build a paved bicycle path near 70th Street West, along the Nine Mile Creek where the creek runs across the backyards of a number of homes. I simply have to express my concern about this planning.

Do we really need another bike path in Edina? Every day in the *Tribune*, we read about bike paths and nature trails easily accessible to riders. Is it fiscally prudent in these economic times to spend funds on additional trails when there are citizens faced with foreclosures on their homes? I do not presume to know about the finances of the city, but this seems an obvious question.

Equally important, it is distressing to contemplate the endangerment to some wonderful wildlife that lives in this area, as well as the security issues for people using trails in this secluded area.

While I no longer live in Edina (previously at 4304 W. 70th), I still care very much for the neighborhood, and I know personally of the lovely wetlands that exist along the creek behind these homes.

I hope you will give consideration to these concerns as you move forward with your planning.

Sincerely yours,



Cynthia Steinke
(Currently: 11232 Wyoming Rd. So.
Bloomington, MN 55438)

June 4, 2010

Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

John Keprios
City of Edina
4801 W 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Sara Wyatt
District 1

RE: Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Dear John,

Marilynn Corcoran,
District 2

Three Rivers Park District (Park District) Board of Commissioners (Board) approved the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for distribution and public review/comment at the regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

Mark Haggerty
District 3

As a courtesy, the Park District is providing Community Assessment Team (CAT) members a hard copy of the EAW for their review/comment during the 30-day public comment period scheduled between June 14, 2010 and July 14, 2010.

Dale Woodbeck,
Vice Chair
District 4

The Park District will conduct two public meetings during the public comment period. In addition to the EAW, the social, technical, and economic findings will also be available for public review/comment at the public meetings. The details of the public meetings are summarized below and will be available on the Park District's website late next week.

Rosemary Franzese
District 5

Open House 1
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
6:00 to 8:30 PM
Presentation at 6:30 PM

Open House 2
Wednesday, June 30, 2010
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Presentation at 5:30 PM

Larry Blackstad, Chair
Appointed

South View Middle School
Gym/Auditorium
4725 South View Lane
Edina, MN 55424

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Barbara Kinsey
Appointed

If you would like to provide written comments on the EAW, you may do so by mailing your comments to the following address.

Cris Gears
Superintendent

Three Rivers Park District
Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail EAW
Attn: Kelly Grissman
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your time and contributions on the CAT. Your work and recommendations will be forwarded to the Edina City Council and Park District Board following the public comment period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Grissman".

Kelly Grissman, Senior Manager of Planning

Enclosure

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Jonathan Vlaming
Three Rivers Park District
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth MN 55441-1299

June 7, 2010

Re: Objection to Community Assessment Process

Dear Mr. Vlaming,

The members of the Community Assessment Team ("CAT") who have signed this letter are writing to protest the process Three Rivers Park District has used to obtain input from the residents of Edina on the proposed Regional Trail System. As you know, CAT is comprised of 11 representatives (and others) elected by the residents of each trail segment originally proposed as possible routes for the trail. We are volunteers who have devoted substantial time and effort to provide ideas and facts to the Park District. We understand that that information will be submitted to the City Council to be considered in the Council's decision on whether and where such a trail system will be located.

As a result of recent actions by the Park District we believe that the integrity of the process of gathering ideas and information from and by CAT has been destroyed. As a result, we will not support or endorse any findings or conclusions made by the Park District or submitted to the City Council unless the CAT is allowed to review all relevant information as promised and is granted further input.

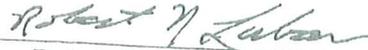
The most significant event that caused us to reach this conclusion is that the Park District changed the "rules of the game" after the game has been played but before the outcome has been decided. At the first meeting of CAT in December 2009, we were told that our role was to provide a list of "pro's" and "con's" (now called items) that the Park District would "quantify" and submit to the City Council. We were expressly told that we could consider only those routes identified on a map given to all of us. We were told we could not consider any other possible alternative routes. That directive was repeated at several meetings in response to our concerns for its limiting effect. Most recently, however, at our meeting on May 17, we were told that the Park District had developed a new, alternative route (route 5F) that had never been given to us for consideration before. It had never appeared on any prior map, and, to the best of our knowledge, no citizen representative had ever been given opportunity for input. We believe that the new route has not been evaluated environmentally and will not appear in the Environmental Assessment Worksheet under preparation.

Many of us have other objections to the Park District's process that will be addressed by individual CAT members. Because of this change in the process, and other, more individual reasons, we believe that the results of this process cannot be fair and representative of the Citizens of Edina's concerns. Therefore, we will not endorse any submission by the Park District resulting from the process as is.

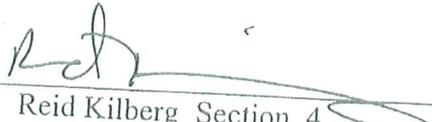
We are committed to bringing forward a fair framework in which to reach a conclusion desired by the residents of Edina. To that end, we feel that the CAT should not be disbanded but should continue to work with Three Rivers Park District to consider all options.

Cc: Mayor James Hovland and Edina City Council
Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners


Richard Johnson Section 1

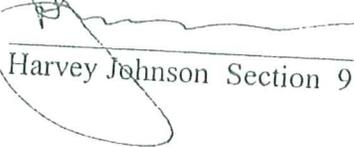

Robert Lubar Section 2


Robert Schwartzbauer Section 3


Reid Kilberg Section 4


Dave Henry Section 5E & 7


Michael Wolff Section 8


Harvey Johnson Section 9


Peter McCarthy Section 11

June 11, 2010

Three Rivers
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Commissioners

WILLIAM L JOHNSON ET AL
5816 OLINGER BLVD
EDINA, MN 55436

Sara Wyatt
District 1

RE: Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Planning

Dear WILLIAM L JOHNSON ET AL,

Marilynn Corcoran,
District 2

Three Rivers Park District (Park District) and the City of Edina (City) are evaluating several alternative trail routes (map enclosed) for completion of Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through the City.

Mark Haggerty
District 3

In the fall of 2009, the Park District coordinated a Community Assessment Team to provide guidance in the evaluation of fourteen alternative trail routes under consideration. During the evaluation process, an additional alternative trail route, Route 5F (map enclosed), was proposed and subsequently studied by the Park District.

Dale Woodbeck,
Vice Chair
District 4

The route was added to provide consideration of a road-based alternative to Routes 5, 5E, and 5D, the only creek-based routes which did not have a road-based alternative, and due to its viability and utilization of existing trail infrastructure through Bredesen Park.

Rosemary Franzese
District 5

Route 5F generally extends from the southwest corner of Bredesen Park and heads easterly along the existing trail system to Olinger Boulevard and east along the south side of Olinger Boulevard to Tracy Avenue. At Tracy Avenue, the route is located along the west side of Tracy Avenue and adjacent to Countryside Park and the fire station. At Highway 62, the route crosses Tracy Avenue is located along the east side of Tracy Avenue to Valley View Road. A parallel pedestrian/bicycle bridge along Tracy Avenue over Highway 62 is proposed for this route.

Larry Blackstad, Chair
Appointed

The Park District is conducting a public comment period between June 14, 2010 and July 14, 2010 to review the assessment findings for each route under consideration. Assessment findings will be available for public review at the following open houses at South View Middle School (4725 South View Lane, Edina, MN 55424).

Barbara Kinsey
Appointed

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6:00–8:30 PM

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Cris Gears
Superintendent

Written comments will be accepted during the public comment period and may be submitted via one of the following methods.

Mail

Three Rivers Park District
Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Fax

Three Rivers Park District
Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail
763.557.5248

E-mail

NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org

To learn more about Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail planning and the alternative trail routes, please consider attending one of the open houses or visit <http://www.threeriversparks.org/news.aspx>.

Sincerely,



Kelly Grissman
Senior Manager of Planning

Enclosures

C: Jonathan Vlaming, Chief of Planning, Three Rivers Park District
John Keprios, Director of Park and Recreation, City of Edina
TNM 0802 A-E

Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

June 15, 2010

Nancy Crain
4952 Poppy Lane
Edina, MN 55435

Dear Ms. Crain:

Thank you for your recent letter about plans for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. We will include your letter in the records of public input, and your concerns regarding an appropriate barrier will be considered as part of the planning and design process.

Please feel free to share this letter with all of those whose signatures were included with your letter.

Sincerely,


Kelly Grissman
Senior Manager of Planning

cc: Jonathan Vlaming, Chief of Planning
John Keprios, Park and Recreation Director, City of Edina

NANCY CRAIN



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April 28, 2010

✓ Kelly Grissman
Three Rivers Park District
Administrative Center
3000 Xenium Lane No.
Plymouth, MN 55441

For
June 2

John Keprios
Park and Recreation Director
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424

RE: Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

Ms. Grissman and Mr. Keprios:

The undersigned are all Edina residents in Segment 19 of the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. Our homes border on, or are very close to, either the MNDOT right of way or Edina city park land along the northbound entrance ramp to Hwy 100 from West 77th Street.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that a sound-wall quality barrier be constructed between the regional trail and the adjacent residential properties. The residents feel that such a feature in this area of the regional trail would address their safety and privacy concerns. As they contemplate the impact of 500,000 anticipated trail visits per year past the property that they have considered to be private and secure, they feel that the quiet enjoyment of their property will be compromised.

Additionally, in the summer of 2009 these same residents participated in a MNDOT-sponsored highway beautification project by planting and caring for trees and shrubs along the northbound Highway 100 entrance ramp. Those trees and shrubs are now in the path of the proposed trail. We would like those trees and shrubs relocated or replaced rather than simply destroyed as part of the trail construction plan.

We are signing this to show our unanimous support for a sound-wall quality barrier of a mutually agreed upon height and design and to request that such a structure be included in the final plans for our segment. TRPD has expressed a willingness to pay for and construct a noise/privacy barrier. Please help us preserve the family-oriented nature of this corner of Edina by agreeing to these requests.

We appreciate your willingness to listen to us and consider our needs.

Sincerely,


4932 Poppy Lane
Denise & Gary Wood


4936 Poppy Lane
Bette R Anderson


4940 Poppy Lane
David Pan

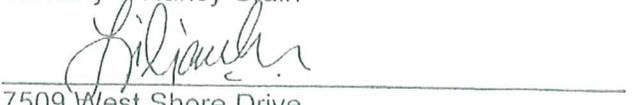

4948 Poppy Lane
James Scattergood


7511 West Shore Drive
David Sanchez


7505 West Shore Drive
Joseph & Nicole Hulbert


4944 Poppy Lane
Mohamed Khaleel


4952 Poppy Lane
Timothy & Nancy Crain


7509 West Shore Drive
Lilian Choi

Cc: Wayne Houle, City of Edina
Jonathan Vlaming, Three Rivers Park District

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PARK DISTRICT

June 16, 2010

Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

Robert N. Lubar
6619 Londonderry Drive S.
Edina, MN 55436

Dear Mr. Lubar:

Jonathan Vlaming forwarded your letter to me, as I am the project lead person for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail planning process. I will share your letter with the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners and include it in the public record, along with other citizens' input.

Three Rivers Park District and the City of Edina have provided unusually extensive opportunities for public comment on the proposed trail, including the Community Assessment Team (CAT) comprised of representatives selected by their respective neighborhoods. The purpose of the CAT team process was to help identify the pros and cons of each established alternative trail route, offer design suggestions, and convey information to their neighbors. A workable alternative, Alternative Trail Route 5F, became apparent during this process, and the Park District and the City of Edina owe it to all of our constituents to evaluate this option. The inclusion of Alternative Route 5F does not invalidate the balance of the work done by the Park District, the City and the Community Assessment Team.

The public, including CAT members, will have additional opportunities to provide input on all of the alternative trail routes, including Alternative Trail Route 5F. As you know, the official public comment period for the Environmental Assessment Worksheet and the social, technical and economic assessment work is from June 14, 2010 to July 14, 2010. Two open houses are scheduled for June 22, 2010 and June 30, 2010. Citizens may provide written comment during this period via mail, fax, or e-mail.

The Community Assessment Team Analysis includes a description of the CAT members' role and identifies Alternative Trail Route 5F as an addition to the original fourteen alternative trail routes under evaluation. The Park District is including a cover letter to the Community Assessment Analysis which includes the following text and acknowledges that Alternative Trail Route 5F was independently studied by the Park District.

"The Community Assessment Team Analysis document is a result of the CAT's guidance and includes the social, technical, and economic assessment findings for each of the fourteen alternative trail routes evaluated by the CAT as well as Alternative Trail Route 5F, which was independently studied by the Park District. The route was added to provide consideration of a road-based alternative to Routes 5, 5E, and 5D, the only creek-based routes which did

not have a road-based alternative, and due to its viability and utilization of existing trail infrastructure through Bredesen Park."

We appreciate your participation in the CAT group and your input regarding trail route concerns.

Sincerely,



Kelly Grissman
Senior Manager of Planning

cc: Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners
Jonathan Vlaming, Chief of Planning
John Keprios, Park and Recreation Director, City of Edina



FYI.

From: James Hovland [mailto:jhovland@krausehovland.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 3:51 PM
To: Gordon Hughes
Subject: FW: Proposed bike trail
fyi. I have not replied to her most recent email.

James B. Hovland
Krause & Hovland, Chtd.
310 Groveland Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-874-8550
612-874-9362 (fax)

From: Diane Lysen [mailto:dlysen@directbenefits.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 10:35 AM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Wright Debbie; Susan Barkley; TMAMGMT@aol.com; Rebecca Reinhold; Joyce Johnson; Goodyear, Maggie; JoAnne Mason; rlubar@comcast.net; westyw2@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Proposed bike trail

Thank you, Mayor, for getting back to me so quickly. I appreciate your response and understand that Three Rivers hasn't given you the numbers yet, but our segment representatives that we have elected to represent the citizens of Edina to Three Rivers Park District have done extensive research, using all resources furnished by Three Rivers and Hennepin County. They had to request volumes of information, some documents given to them reluctantly, but they did obtain them. These are independent business men and consultants with excellent financial background, looking at numbers from a taxpayers point of view, not from a government agency point of view.

I have attached the cost breakdown from our independent research and we would like the opportunity to have an open hearing with the Edina City Council. We are all planning on attending the 2 Three Rivers Park District public meetings on June 22nd and Wednesday June 30th. Once those public meetings have been held, that would be a good time to meet with the concerned tax payers of Edina and to continue to research the cost.

Again, this is not an issue of liking or disliking bikers. Who doesn't love to get on a bike and take a ride? The issues include financing, disruption of wildlife, changing the natural path of mother nature by re-routing Nine Mile Creek, removing acres of trees. We live where we live so that we can have peace and quiet, convenience to great shops and restaurants and to enjoy the views from our homes. Spending government money in this economy to disrupt all of that is unnecessary and not welcome.

We are contacting our State Representative, Keith Downey and will be contacting all venues of media. We think that all Minnesota taxpayers would like to know that another \$35,000,000 of tax payer dollars is being spent on frivolous items, especially when we make the argument that Minnesota already has more bike trails than any other state. We can prove the \$35,000,000 current cost and what the future costs of maintenance will be.

Again, we would like more than the 3 minutes of time to speak at a general council meeting. We would like a special hearing and would appreciate our council members giving us that opportunity.

I will continue to copy neighbors and our segment representatives on any correspondence. We look forward to meeting with everyone next week at the public hearings.

Have a great day.

Diane Lysen
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From: James Hovland [mailto:jhovland@krausehovland.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Diane Lysen
Subject: Proposed bike trail

Diane, thanks for your email. The Council has not yet heard anything directly from Three Rivers as to the proposed cost of the potential bikeway or how it would be potentially financed. Being concerned about cost and funding source is always important, regardless of the economic environment. Edina has a history of good fiscal management and that is why we are one of only about three dozen cities in America under 50,000 in population with a AAA bond rating from both rating agencies.

I plan on attending the Three Rivers open houses at the end of the month to garner more information and then there will be a regular process through the Park Board and City Council, with full public participation, before any decisions are made on this proposed trail. I hope this is helpful.

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June 17, 2010

John Keprios, Edina Park & Recreation Department
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th St
Edina, MN 55424

Re: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Bike Trail through Wetlands and Parks

John Keprios,
We are five year Edina residents and property owners at 5717 Deville Drive. We paid \$9,801.00 in real estate taxes last year.

We strongly support the construction of a regional bike trail through Edina. While the bike trail would have a significant cost, we believe the many recreational and practical benefits of a regional bike trail to Edina residents would outweigh the cost. Edina is renowned as a very high quality community. A safe, comfortable, and inviting bike trail for riders of all ages and skill levels would serve to promote our unique healthy Edina lifestyle and enjoyment of Edina's parks.

A wise investment in a regional bike trail would be an asset to the community and increase the value of Edina property. Recreational facilities are a decision factor for many prospective homeowners and a bike trail would be a selling point for Edina home sellers.

We believe the regional bike trail should run through parks and wetlands to enhance the riding and walking experience, versus along streets. For example, we want the bike trail to run through the Walnut Ridge Park (Route 2) instead of along Lincoln/169 and Vernon (Route 3). Many Edina residents currently bike in Walnut Ridge Park today. What a joy it would be to bike from Walnut Ridge to Bredesen Park and beyond via a park trail, versus riding right beside existing roadways which are less safe and have increased levels of car exhaust and noise. My grandkids would love the adventure!

In summary, we urge you to support the proposed regional bike trail and routes such as Route 2 through wetlands and parks. We wish to eliminate Route 3 as an option.

Sincerely,


Andrew Heyer


Vasanti Mudkanna

June 21, 2010

Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

The Honorable James B. Hovland
Mayor of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Sara Wyatt
District 1

RE: Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Preliminary Planning Costs and Anticipated Funding Sources

Dear Mayor Hovland:

Marilynn Corcoran,
District 2

This letter is in response to your request for additional information on the estimated cost for constructing the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in comparison to other completed Three Rivers Park District (Park District) projects, and the anticipated funding sources for trail construction. The information we're providing has been compiled by Kelly Grissman, Senior Manager of Planning for Three Rivers.

Mark Haggerty
District 3

The preliminary planning estimate for constructing 7-8 miles of Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail is \$17-20 million. The estimate includes all "typical" trail construction expenses in addition to anticipated boardwalks; bridges over Nine Mile Creek, Highway 62, and Highway 100; a tunnel under the Canadian-Pacific Railroad; utility relocation; several areas of road reconstruction; and all associated consulting services.

Dale Woodbeck,
Vice Chair
District 4

The estimated cost is reflective of constructing a new regional trail in a fully developed community, and is similar to the anticipated costs of constructing new regional trails in other first-ring communities. If construction proceeds as planned, this will be the most expensive regional trail Three Rivers has ever built.

Rosemary Franzese
District 5

At this time, the Park District anticipates utilizing a variety of funding sources to construct Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, including the following:

Larry Blackstad, Chair
Appointed

- The Park District anticipates preparation of grant submittals from the Surface Transportation Program/Transportation Enhancement (STP/TE) federal funding programs. Three Rivers has been successful in securing funds from these programs for several other regional trail projects, including the Intercity Trail in Richfield, the Crystal Lake Trail in Robbinsdale, the Luce Line Trail Bridge in Plymouth, and the Lake Minnetonka Trail Bridge in Shorewood.

Barbara Kinsey
Appointed

- The Park District is prepared to issue bonds for the 20 percent federal funding program local match requirement, or for trail construction costs in which federal funds were not received.

Cris Gears
Superintendent

- Upon completion of a master plan, Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail will be eligible for the Metropolitan Council's Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program. The Park District anticipates utilizing this funding source, along with the Minnesota DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program and other funding sources to offset the Park District's potential bonding requirements.
- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has indicated that it will assist with funding trail construction costs for creek-based routes when constructed in conjunction with future creek restoration work.
- The Park District will continue to collaborate with the City of Edina and other agencies with jurisdictional control over the road-based routes, as appropriate, to construct the regional trail in conjunction with planned road improvement projects to maximize cost efficiencies.

I hope that this information adequately addresses your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns at 763.559.6748.

Sincerely,



Cris Gears
Superintendent

C: Larry Blackstad, Board Chair
Dale Woodbeck, Commissioner (District 4)
John Keprios, Park & Recreation Director, City of Edina
Kelly Grissman, Senior Manager of Planning
Donald J. DeVeau, Director, Department of Planning and Development

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From: alihul@aol.com [mailto:alihul@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 10:51 PM

To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno

Subject: support for 9 mile creek trail

Three Rivers Park District Commissioners and Planners,

I have recently completed serving on the CAT analysis group for the 9 Mile Creek Trail. I must first commend Kelly Grissman on her professionalism and patience, and on the very high quality report she has produced. She has done a tremendous job! Attempting to find a quantifiable way to compare trail segments is difficult. In some ways it is a science, requiring that reproducible measurements are identified. But I believe that designing a trail is also an art, with beauty identified by the beholder. When riding along the beautiful and extremely popular Dakota Rail Trail, did you happen to notice how many driveways you crossed, how many yards you passed, or what distance the lot line was to the trail edge? Did you even notice that you passed any houses at all? I notice the marshes, the bridges, the boats on the lake, and bad shots off the tee at the golf course. The houses are pretty much a blur along the way. My point is that a trail, like a park, is a place for people to interact with nature and experience the world around them. There was no way for the CAT group to develop a way to attach such a value to the trail options. When the trail is completed the numbers that we have compiled for the CAT report will become insignificant to everyone who uses the trail. They will only see the marshes, the bridges, and the creek. The houses will just become a blur along the way. Keep the trail on the wetland segments!

Thanks!

Alice Hulbert

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From: tom reinke [mailto:sundialsolarrep@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 10:48 PM
To: Lynette Biunno; NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

Please direct this email to:
Edina Mayor and City Council Members
Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

Edina Mayor, City Council, Parks Director, and TRPD Commissioners:

I support the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Edina. While the trail would require a significant investment, I believe the many recreational and practical benefits of a regional trail to Edina residents would outweigh the cost. Edina is renowned as a very high quality community. A safe, comfortable, and inviting trail for walkers, joggers, and riders of all ages and skill levels would serve to promote our unique healthy Edina lifestyle and enjoyment of Edina's parks.

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I believe the regional trail should run through parks enhance the walking and riding experience, versus existing roadways which have increased levels of car exhaust and noise.

In summary, I urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,

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From: faithrothberg@gmail.com [mailto:faithrothberg@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Faith Rothberg
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 9:17 AM
To: NineMileTrail@threeriversparkdistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

Please ensure that the following groups get this email, thank you

Edina Mayor and City Council Members
Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

Mayor Hovland, City Council Members Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle, Scot Housh and Ann Swenson and Parks Director John Keprios, and TRPD Commissioners and Senior Planner Kelly Grissman:

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Biking is becoming hugely popular in Minneapolis/St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs. We, Minnesota, are ranked the third largest state in number of bike commuters. Take a look at Google Maps for our area, clicking on the bike routes button. It is amazing to see the miles of trail! The gap in Edina is obvious to see and will only stand out more and leave us behind if we do not become a part of this trend.

I believe the regional trail should run through parks enhance the walking and riding experience, versus existing roadways which have increased levels of car exhaust and noise. My husband and My favorite activity to do with our three children is to go for long bike rides. In fact, just yesterday we took our bikes and went up to Hugo to a trail there. We live on the East side of Edina and also quite often ride through Minneapolis down city streets to get to Lake Harriet and the other lakes riding on the bike paths as well as getting to the greenway route. With the connection of the larger trail system through Edina we would be able to get on our bicycles and start a long

family bike ride in a safe and beautiful way, rather than having to ride on a bunch of city streets or haul our bikes into the car and drive for miles to achieve the same thing.

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Sincerely,
Faith Rothberg

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From: Lana Slavitt [mailto:slavitt_lana@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 9:37 AM
To: ninemiletrail@threeriversparkdistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Edina

TO: Edina Mayor and City Council Members
Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

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We believe the regional trail should run through parks which enhances the walking and riding experience, versus existing roadways which have increased levels of car exhaust and noise.

It is also a safer ride/walk for those of us with smaller children who routinely are forced to drive to places other than Edina to walk or bike in a natural environment.

In summary, we urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,

Lana and Andrew Slavitt

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From: liz denn [mailto:dennfamily@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 8:53 AM

To: Lynette Biunno; NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org

Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

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In summary, I urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,

Liz Denn

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From: Werbalowsky, Jeffrey [mailto:JWerbalowsky@HL.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 12:36 PM
To: ninemilecreektrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Cc: MARY & JEFF WERBALOWSKY; Lana Slavitt; andrew@heyer.us
Subject: Nine Mile Regional Creek Bike Trail Through Edina

Dear Community representatives:

We are STRONGLY in favor of the Trail. As John Keprios can attest, we were very supportive of constructing the Fox Meadow Park in Edina, and helped organize with others financial support for what has turned out to be a wonderful small neighborhood park. We were amazed that there were neighbors who were against turning this weed strewn lot into a neat little neighborhood park, but we learned in that process that people have idiosyncratic reactions that are often not at all consistent with "social benefit" when there is anything that affects their personal property rights (even if ultimately beneficial to them personally). People fear change, and are extremely resistant to compromising in any way their own property rights notwithstanding the clear public good-NIMBY is alive and well unfortunately in Edina.

You will hear all the typical complaints form opponents about attracting unwanted elements, interfering with their privacy, various dangers real and imagined stemming from the bike path, and complaints as to why some particular route or the entire project do not make sense for someone's private (and selfish) view. We call upon you to do the right thing for our community, which is clearly to promptly construct this trail maximizing the social good, and resisting the private complaints given the unique attributes of this project,

As you know, this project has so many positive social benefits they are hard to list. Enhancing the quality of recreation and life in our local community, fostering "green" attributes, linking local neighborhoods for kids and parents in a car free manner, allowing many others to enjoy the beautiful community assets we possess on the creek, improving Edina's "livability" and "bikability" for the increasing number of us who enjoy this recreation. In addition, the fact that this project allows us to connect to the wonderful trails around us increases safety for those of us who already bike those trails but need to use open roads to reach them today, and creates a "network" effect providing extra value for the connection.

There are few "no-brainers" in life or government, but from a social perspective this is one. Please do not let the tyranny of the minority at all sidetrack, delay, or in any way reduce the wonderful project potential that exists here. We are not sufficiently conversant with the alternate routes to weigh in on them at this point, but rely on all of the good people who are decision makers here to balance the various interests of social benefit to make the best choice. We call upon you to do your best for all of us who are counting on you to do the right thing for Edina, and we thank you for your considerable efforts to reach this point. Good luck in getting the rest of the way there, and we look forward to utilizing what will be a fabulous community resource with our children and grandchildren. Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional input, and please forward this as you see fit to demonstrate our support.

Mary and Jeff Werbalowsky
6000 Fox Meadow Lane

Edina, Mn 55436
612 940 1969

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From: Greg Allison [mailto:greg_allison@ymail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 11:03 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: edina bicycle trails

To the planning commission:

I live at 5829 Fairfax Ave in Edina.

I support the provision of off-street bicycle trails in Edina. I ride my bicycle both for recreation and for transportation and find it difficult and dangerous to access regional trails from my home in Edina due to a lack of dedicated bicycle trails in the city of Edina. I particularly support connections to existing regional bicycle trails such as the Southwest LRT trail, including the proposed nine-mile creek regional trail and the interlachen boulevard bicycle trail.

Greg Allison

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan Badzin [mailto:b.badzin@superclean.com]

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 1:32 PM

To: John Keprios

Subject: Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail opinion survey

Dear John,

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me at the Open House on June 22nd about the Regional Trail. Per your request that I follow up with an e-mail and as we discussed at the time, I'm very bothered by the lack of fiscal accountability going on connected with this trail. While it seems that the environmental impact has taken center stage in the debate, the people I've spoken with in Edina are most upset at the fact that our (myself and other tax payers) wages are flat or declining if we even still have a job, our house values are declining, yet amazingly, our property taxes continue to climb. At the same time, the city and county are spending money they don't have. I was very intrigued by your idea to take a public opinion poll on the trail. As I told you that night, I believe the majority of people would be against the trail if the survey included both the approximate cost overall, and the cost to each taxpayer individually. The cost doesn't need to be exact, but it does need to be on there. I was told that those in favor of building this trail refer to some earlier survey that supposedly shows a majority of people backing the trail. However to the best of my knowledge, there was no mention of both the individual and collective costs on that survey.

Those pieces of information are crucial to get an accurate idea how people feel about this project.

I hope this gives you the information you need to move forward getting an accurate sense of the mood of Edinians. If I can be of further in assistance in any way, please let me know.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bryan Badzin
6656 Parkwood Road, 55436

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From: Jamgotch, Carol M. [mailto:Carol.M.Jamgotch@supervalu.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 11:14 AM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: BIKE PATH PROJECT - VERNON AVENUE & SURROUNDING AREA
Importance: High

ATTENTION: James Hovland, Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle Scot Housh, Ann Swenson

Mr. Hovland & Staff,

I am very disappointed to hear about this Bike Project for the City of Edina. I am very much against this project. We DO NOT need any more bike paths. We have too many as it is right now. Also, in this economy, we as tax payers do not need to undertake any more expensive, especially for bike paths – how stupid! The money is not there to build and maintain more bike paths. Don't spend my money on such ridiculous projects.

If you must have a legacy before you leave your position, build something that is needed, such as a food shelf or shelters for battered women & children. Something that we really need to help people in need – not a stupid bike path.

Stop wasting money on unnecessary projects!

Carol Jamgotch
6981 Langford Count
Edina, MN 55436



From: Susan Schultz [mailto:susan@susanschultzphd.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 6:01 PM
To: ninemilecreektrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: NINE MILE CREEK TRAIL

June 28, 2010

Dear Council Members Bennett, Brindle, Housh and Swenson; Mayor Hovland; John Keprios, and Three Rivers District staff:

I am writing in support of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail that is presently being considered. I believe that the trail will benefit Edina by providing residents with more easily accessible recreational opportunities and that families with walkers, runners and bikers will use and appreciate the trail. I believe that the cost of the trail to residents will be an investment that gives us years and generations of "return" on the investment. I am a frequent user of Three Rivers District parks, particularly Hyland Park. I have found Three Rivers to do a good job of maintaining and managing their parks and recreational areas. We have a strong and experienced partner in building such a trail. My home is on Abercrombie Drive and one of the proposed routes is behind our property, along Nine Mile Creek. My support for the trail includes this route, as I believe it will enhance my neighborhood directly. In the winter months, I walk my dogs behind our home but in the summer it is difficult and unpleasant to use for recreation.

The vociferous and organized opposition to this trail by some residents preceded a process of study and reflection by the community and our representatives. I think that an attractive, usable path behind my house could enhance my property value and I think that this investment is worth the cost. At present, other nearby communities offer attractive homes and more accessible multiuse recreation; delaying or nixing this trail will put Edina behind both Minneapolis and nearby suburbs when it comes to this aspect of quality of life.

I trust that city council members will carefully review the route options and select one that offers residents and visitors a beautiful walk, run or ride through our community. I hope that the council will vote yes to the trail because it is a decision that is "for the greater good."

Thanks for your consideration of my views.

Susan K. Schultz
5217 Abercrombie Drive
Edina, Minnesota 55439
952.828.5593

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From: Goodyear, Maggie [mailto:MaggieGoodyear@edinarealty.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 10:15 AM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Proposed Bike Trail

I am strongly **opposed** to a bike trail through Edina. The damage it will do to our wildlife, property values, taxes is ridiculous. We have plenty of bike paths already. The Bredeson bike path is not kept in good condition, how can we expect this proposed bike path to be kept up?? Instead of all these assessments to homeowners for new roads and sewers, why not use the money we will spend on a bike path for something we NEED, like streets and reduce the assessments? These huge assessments do not help the sale of homes.

Maggie Goodyear
Edina Realty
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From: Lauren Fulner [mailto:lauren.fulner@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:16 AM
To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

Please direct this email to:
Edina Mayor and City Council Members
Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

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I believe the regional trail should run through parks enhance the walking and riding experience, versus existing roadways which have increased levels of car exhaust and noise. Particularly as a resident of Minneapolis I appreciate being able to travel to the suburbs in a safe, relatively pollution free manner. Creation of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail would encourage such sustainable travel.

In summary, I urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,
Lauren Fulner

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From: Lindsay Amundson [mailto:lindsay.amundson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:14 AM
To: NineMileTrail@threeriversparkdistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail CREEKSIDE

Please direct this email to:
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Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

Edina Mayor, City Council, Parks Director, and TRPD Commissioners:

We recently purchased a home in Edina and were disappointed to learn of the small number of trails for joggers and bikers as my husband and I enjoy these activities. I strongly support the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Edina. I do not believe a trail on the street would be used or enjoyed nearly as much. I know my husband and I would not use such a trail. Edina is a fantastic community and it deserves a beautiful trail for its residents to use. I am unsure of why there is so much debate about using public land for the public. I also support the use of walkways to minimize environmental damage.

In summary, I urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Amundson

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From: Marian.Johnson@securian.com [mailto:Marian.Johnson@securian.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Through Parkland

As 40+ year Edina residents, I would like my family's name added to the list of Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Supporters.

To retain its reputation as very high quality community, Edina needs to offer safe and convenient trails for walkers, joggers and riders of all ages and skill levels in the same way that many of the communities around us already do. Investing in a regional trail would be a long-term asset for all residents. Recreational facilities are increasingly a decision factor for many prospective homeowners and a trail system would be a selling point for Edina home sellers.

I encourage you to vote for Edina's future and approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,

Marian and Phil Johnson
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Edina, MN 55439

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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Heyer [mailto:andrew@heyner.us]

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 5:23 PM

To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno

Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

Please direct this email to:

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Three Rivers Park District Commissioners

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I believe the regional bike trail should run through parks and wetlands to enhance the riding and walking experience, versus along streets. For example, I want the bike trail to run through the Walnut Ridge Park (Route 2) instead of along Lincoln/169 and Vernon (Route 3). Many Edina residents currently bike in Walnut Ridge Park today.

What a joy it would be to bike from Walnut Ridge to Bredesen Park and beyond via a park trail, versus riding right beside existing roadways which are less safe and have increased levels of car exhaust and noise. My grandkids would love the adventure!

In summary, I urge support for the proposed regional bike trail and routes such as Route 2 through wetlands and parks. I wish to eliminate Route 3 as an option.

Sincerely,
Andrew Heyer
Deville Dr
Edina, MN

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From: Johansen, Steve [mailto:sjohanse@ibsys.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:12 AM
To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

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Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

Edina Mayor, City Council, Parks Director, and TRPD Commissioners:

My wife and I are 20-year residents of Edina, and both of our kids went to Edina Schools. We live on Skyline Drive, just south of Interlachen Boulevard, and **we ardently support the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Edina.** As some of you know, there is a bike lane on both sides of Interlachen. It is narrowly wedged between the curb and the car lane. Having ridden our bikes, walked / jogged on this bike lane hundreds of times, we can tell you it is no fun. You can't enjoy the scenery (Interlachen Country Club), converse as you ride (car noise), ride, jog or walk side-by-side because you have to be constantly on alert for cars coming up behind you and the danger that presents. These are but a few examples of why **you should NOT put the regional trail on city streets.** It would not be a fun, relaxing user experience. It would be dangerous and subject bikers / joggers / walkers and car drivers to more accidents. The regional trail along Nine Mile Creek would be just the opposite experience. It would be fun, relaxing and enjoyable. The scenery would be wonderful and it would be easy to pull off the path to stop and enjoy it.

The Edina parkland along the creek should be available for all Edina residents to enjoy, so **please approve putting the regional trail along Nine Mile Creek.** A safe, comfortable, and inviting trail for walkers, joggers, and riders of all ages and skill levels would serve to promote our unique healthy Edina lifestyle and enjoyment of Edina's parks.

Sincerely,

Steve Johansen & Bethany Brand

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From: Tim Amundson [mailto:tim.amundson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:38 AM
To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through the creek

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Edina Mayor and City Council Members
Edina Parks Director John Keprios
Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
Three Rivers Park District Senior Planner Kelly Grissman

Edina Mayor, City Council, Parks Director, and TRPD Commissioners:

I support the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail along the creek in Edina. My wife and I recently purchased a home in Edina and were shocked about the lack of public trails. A non-roadside trail for walkers, joggers, and riders would serve to promote our unique healthy Edina lifestyle and enjoyment of Edina's parks. Also, recreational facilities are a decision factor for many prospective homeowners and a trail would be a selling point for Edina home sellers. This trail would be a fantastic asset to the community.

I do not see a roadside trail as a viable option. Residents would not enjoy this trail due to the traffic and noise and I am sure would not be used as often. Also, I am concerned about how it might impact traffic in some areas. I do not understand why there is debate around using public land for the public. This seems like a fantastic use of this land since it is essentially inaccessible to the vast majority of Edina residents.

In summary, I urge you to approve the proposed regional trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,
Tim Amundson

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From: Vasanti Mudkanna [mailto:vasantim@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 5:16 PM
To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

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Sincerely,
Vasanti Mudkanna
Deville Drive, Edina

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From: Megan Kelly [mailto:mmckelly@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:29 AM
To: NineMileTrail@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org; Lynette Biunno
Subject: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Parkland

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Three Rivers Park District Commissioners
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Sincerely,
Megan Kelly