

Patuxent Trail Extension

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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 1:02 PM

To: CouncilMail

Good Afternoon,

We are residents in the Allview community and are very much looking forward to using the Patuxent river trail extension. This extension would give us quick and easy access to our favorite walking paths around Lake Elkhorn and Lake Kittamaqundi - and if we're up for a super adventure, Wilde Lake too! Please approve the master plan as is, including the Patuxent river trail extension to downtown Columbia. We hope to see you on the new trails!

Thank you,
Carrie and Sean Edwards

Bike Howard

Ned Tillman [ned@sustainable.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 1:33 PM**To:** CouncilMail

Dear members of the County Council:

I am very much in favor of Bike Howard. I strongly encourage you to support its approval and implementation. I do not support the proposed Amendment #1 to remove the ***Downtown to Patuxent Branch Trail Extension*** from the plan - this section should be maintained in the plan.

I am writing as a citizen who walks and bikes many of the existing trails in the County on almost a daily basis. As a historian, naturalist, local author, and outdoor enthusiast, I often serve as a Guide, leading groups on hikes all over the county. There is a huge demand for more trails, and this will only grow as our population ages. I led 5 walks last year with CA and between 40 and 80 people showed up - on Thursday mornings! I have had as many as 150 people show up for my walks. This connector trail through this beautiful greenway would be a key link for getting more people out and about and enjoying nature. All the research shows that people who walk for 30 minutes in green open spaces are happier, healthier, more productive, and more creative – just what we citizens, parents, teachers, and our local employers want.

And maybe even more importantly – this connector trail will be key for getting more people into and out of the downtown area. As traffic density increases we will need more access to our potential walkable downtown from the outlying communities. I live on Lake Elkhorn, adjacent to a trail, and would use the proposed trail, if I am still biking when it is implemented, for getting downtown. It will be one of those critical links that will be needed to make sure our plans and dreams for a livable city are realized.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Ned Tillman

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Columbia Association Support of Complete Streets

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Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 3:12 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Milton Matthews [Milton.Matthews@columbiaassociation.org]

Dear Howard County Councilmembers:

After conferring with Columbia Association Milton Matthews, I am writing on behalf of Columbia Association and in support of the Horizon Foundation's recommendation to strengthen the good language already in CR 35-2016 related to complete streets. The reason for our support of this enhanced language is to ensure that the complete streets planning process leads to lasting, meaningful changes that will benefit our community for decades to come.

We see great value in establishing a strong policy, regulatory and implementation framework for complete streets to continue to enhance our community. Our support of Horizon's recommended changes related to complete streets is in alignment with our mission of "Working every day in hundreds of ways to make Columbia an even better place to live, work and play" and our vision of "Making Columbia the community of choice — today and for generations to come."

Thank you very much.

Jane

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Proposed Bike Path & Proposed Patuxent River Trail Extension

Andy Gray [MAndrewGray@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 10:59 PM

To: CouncilMail

I live in Allview Estates, on Maple Avenue, and am writing to let you know that I support the bike master plan. I support and would use the Patuxent river trail extension.

I think a bike path would be preferable to adding additional bike lanes to the already crowded main thoroughfares. I would certainly be more comfortable with my children riding on a bike path.

Please approve the master list as proposed including the Patuxent river trail extension to downtown Columbia.

Regards,
Andrew Gray

Sent from my iPhone please forgive any typographical or autocorrect errors