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I live on Old Sauk Road on a property that abuts the Sauk Creek Greenway Woods. I was dismayed to learn of two plans for a bike path (one version including lighting) that plow through the thriving tree canopy enjoyed by all the area residents.

My opinion (and that of my neighbors') is that any bike path constructed in the Sauk Creek Greenway Woods is destructive and unnecessary.

I enjoy riding a bike. The Sauk Creek area already has many bike lanes that are very nice to ride on. There is no need to destroy thousands of trees so bike riders can gaze at the few survivors of what once was a thriving woodland (that is also home to thousands of birds, as well as deer, foxes and other creatures).

Further, per the 2015 Bike Plan, an environmental analysis should be done for new shared use paths that go through wetlands, and the City could minimize the impact on the wetlands by utilizing existing pathways (Westfield and High Point).

Maintaining and growing the City's Tree Canopy is a City priority per the CGSG. The Sauk Creek Greenway is a dense 26-acre woods that would be significantly [and negatively] impacted by a Bike Path. The City is also not following its Fostering Sustainability Street Values in the CGSG by adding a 5000+ foot Bike Path that would have an impervious surface.

The installation of a bike path in the Sauk Creek Woods is strongly opposed by me and the majority of the residents in the area. It is contrary to the City's own values. Listen to the residents and strike this bike path from all plans. Do not spend taxpayer money to destroy a thriving woodland for an unnecessary bike path.

Sincerely,

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