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Regarding Sauk Creek Greenway proposed bike and walking path.

I live in the Sauk Creek neighborhood and oppose any action on a bike path or asphalt path in the Greenway at this time. I think the primary issue for the city at this time is addressing flood control by stabilizing the Creek itself.

The residents of the surrounding neighborhoods understand this and are working with city staff. I feel similar to other residents that preserving the wooded nature of this area is a major priority. Before you start planning asphalt paths through this narrow area, please let the staff and residents work through the Creek stabilization. There is no urgency to create a paved path. Frankly, paving within this narrow area might be counter productive to flood control and to the environment.

I urge you to respect the input of residents. The woods provide a peaceful place to walk and appreciate nature. Children enjoy nature as their playground and most of us enjoy the birds and wildlife in this area. We ask that no action be taken on any paths until we see the impact of Creek stabilization efforts on this area.

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