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We are writing in response to the bike path proposal in the Sauk Creek Green Way. We strongly oppose and strongly encourage you to come to the greenway before making any decisions.

Listen to the residents and understand the true impact of moving forward with this decision. There will be unintended consequences of the lighted asphalt path through the steep narrow greenway on our environment, animals, heat zone, sustainability and our neighborhood. It is NOT wanted by the west side community based on 77 letters of opposition sent in, 330 signed petitions opposing the bike path, and lack of support at all of the community meetings. The east-west crossing from Brule to Walnut Grove Park is way too steep for an "All Ages and Stages", disability accessible bike path. Committee members need to see and walk the Greenway, the steep terrain and 7 DNR wetlands to appreciate why this area needs to be preserved after the creek reconstruction is completed. Children already safely ride bikes on the sidewalks and park paths, and later on the quiet streets and bike lanes. This asphalt path is not needed or supported.

Thank you Josh and Becky Bittner Sauk Creek Drive