

Attention:

- Three Rivers Parks Commissioners Wyatt, Corcoran, Haggerty, Woodbeck, Franzese, Blackstad, and Kinsey, and Project Manager Kelly Grissman,
- Edina City Mayor Hovland, Edina City Council Members Housh, Bennett, Brindle, and Swenson, Edina Park Director Keprios

RE: Support for the Nine Mile Creek Trail through Parkland

I have been a resident of Edina for () years. Our City has a reputation for meeting the needs of our residents with services of the highest quality. Our Park system provides outstanding facilities for many activities including hockey and skating, golf, baseball, soccer, football, swimming, basketball, and many others. However, we have been lagging behind our neighboring cities in one area: trails.

A wonderful and nationally known trail system has been evolving around us and we haven't had an opportunity to be a part of it. Whether you bike, walk, or run for recreation or commute, access to the trail system is tremendously important. The proposed Nine Mile Creek Trail routed through the creek area (not the road segments) will provide Edina residents of all ages a safe and enjoyable route for exercise or commuting.

The road segments will be busy and noisy with cars and will not attract cyclists, let alone walkers. The Three Rivers Park District Environmental Assessment Worksheet states there is no serious environmental reason to oppose the creek-based trail.

The trail will be a huge benefit to the residents of Edina. Count me in favor of the Nine Mile Creek trail, through the natural spaces.

Name

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Edina, MN zip