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Item #3 'Multi-Use Trails'

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Commissioner Gale Walldorff
1300 Commerce Drive
Maloof Center 6th Floor
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Dear Commissioner Walldorff:

Please consider adopting the DeKalb Greenway Trail Master Plan as a conceptual plan for building multi-use trails in DeKalb County. By adopting the Plan, the Commission will enable the site-specific public process of locating routes and access points for each trail to begin. It will also allow us to begin seeking funding from public and private sources for building trails.

The development of each trail segment proposed in the Master Plan will be guided by a steering committee made up of neighborhood representatives, adjacent property owners, County staff, Path, and any other interested parties. It is during this process that the environmental sensitivity of each route will be assessed and compromises will be made to balance environmental concerns and connectivity of the trail.

As further inducement for the Commission to adopt the Plan, we suggest the following clarifications be incorporated into the adoption process:

- ➔ • Adoption of this Plan does not imply waiving of stream buffer regulations
- ➔ • Adoption of this plan does not imply approval of a specific location for a trail, only a corridor which appears to be an opportunity for trail development and a desirable connection.
- ➔ • The Master Plan should be reviewed annually for changes and amendments.

Please give careful consideration to our request to adopt this plan and keep the process of building a greenway trail network in DeKalb moving forward. Adoption of this plan is the first step toward trail development. Please give us your support.

Sincerely,

Ed McBrayer