

From: [Ross Gamby](#)
To: Council@cityofgreen.org; [Deb Talkington](#)
Subject: Walking and biking path trails
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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to you in regard to the trail system (bike and hiking) that myself and family have used extensively throughout the North Canton and Canton areas. We have used these trails for biking, hiking, and running for years and find it a valuable asset for community and business relationships. How so? Connecting neighborhoods through this trail system has benefited families (mine included) by allowing safe pathways from one neighborhood to the next without having to bike or walk on busy streets with car/truck traffic. This trail system has also provided a healthy avenue for exercise for not only individuals but groups. I am part of a cycling group (18 men mainly from Green) who ride our bikes on Wednesday evenings at various trailheads on the towpath from Canal Fulton all the way to Cleveland. The Stark County Trails that I use most often connect to my neighborhood in Canton and my wife and I ride our bikes to destinations such as the dog park, GlenOak HS, Gervasi Vineyards, and Washington Square (businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, banks, pharmacies, chiropractic offices, etc...).

My wife and I had the benefit of raising our three children in the Green School system as we lived in the community for over 16 years. We have used the park system, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, and Green Middle and HS facilities frequently and have found them to be top notch. Green is a fantastic community and providing residents an outlet to exercise, bike/hike safely, and connect residential communities to businesses via a trail system will have a positive and lasting impact. The growth (population, income, businesses) that Green has enjoyed, I believe is a result of connecting neighbors who want a safe community to raise their families.

I have heard Council was recently considering allocating funds for a pathway parallel to Raber Road. I used to run a lot and used the side of the road to train, this was dangerous. My son played baseball with a young boy who was riding his bike on Raber road and was struck and killed by a car. Creating a pathway for connecting neighborhoods while providing a safe avenue for walkers and bikers will provide the residents of Green the same benefits that we enjoy in Canton and North Canton. I would recommend that the City Council explore the financial implications of a pathway and if at all feasible implement a pathway.

Sincerely,
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Please feel free to call me if you have any specific questions or want clarification on anything I have said.