

February 14, 2019
Re: City of Green's Master Trail Plan



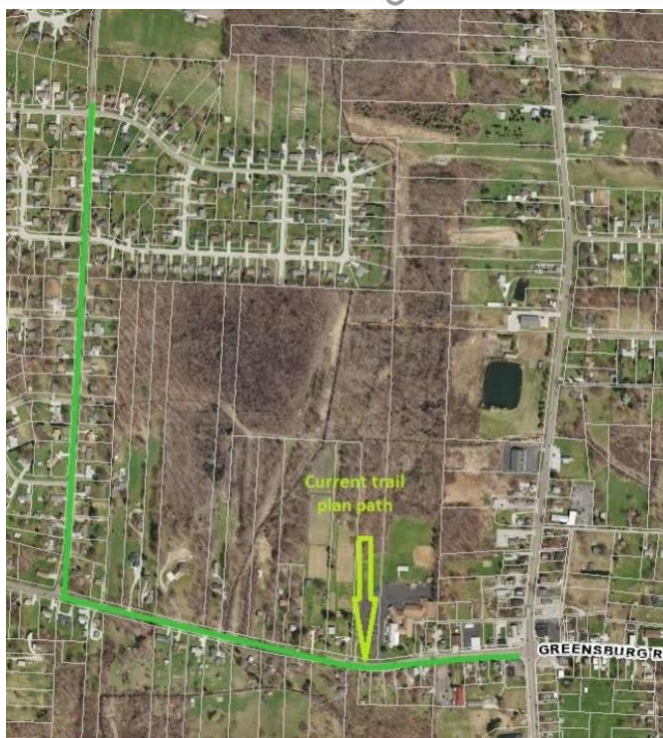
Green Meadows neighborhood opposes the City of Green's Master Trail Plan. Green Meadows neighborhood is a suburban development in the heart of the City of Green located off of Shriver Road and adjacent to Portage Lakes Career Center. Two of the city's proposed trails are routed through the woods in our backyards with the goal of providing connectivity between Shriver Road and Greensburg Road. An alternative, safer, less intrusive route exists to provide the same connectivity points.

Green Meadows neighborhood: King Dr, Wildflower Dr, Forsythia Dr, Gardenia Dr, & Honeysuckle Dr

The city's two proposed trails affecting our neighborhood go through the woods in our backyard.



An alternative route should be considered which provides the same connectivity using sidewalks down the main road of Shriver.



Green Meadows Neighborhood Opposes The City Of Green's Master Trail Plan.

Homeowners in Green Meadows neighborhood have not been properly notified of the trail plan and were not represented at the trail meetings. We never received a letter in the mail stating that the trail may affect our properties nor did we receive direct notice of the trail meetings. Through the media, some of us were aware of the public trail meetings being held but we all assumed our properties were not affected since we did not receive a personal notification. Had we known we were directly affected, we would have been at every public meeting.

Both of the proposed paths through the woods in our backyards pose a threat to Green Meadows' homeowners. It subjects us to the inherent risk of crime, loitering, vandalism, voyeurism, fires, and legal liability. We do not want strangers to have access to our backyards. We fear for our safety and our children's safety.

- Our children play freely in our backyards; often unmonitored. If a public trail was in our backyards, we would not feel as comfortable letting our children play freely and explore. We certainly would not feel comfortable letting them camp out in the backyards anymore.
- For years our neighborhood has dealt with teenage drinking and marijuana use in the woods. Specifically, in the woods behind Portage Lakes Career Center and the woods at the dead end of Gardenia Drive. An inspection of those areas would reveal beer cans, trash, graffiti, and tree damage. With an extended unlit unmonitored path in the woods behind our homes, we expect loitering and illegal activity will increase.

A safer and less invasive route exists. We propose a lighted sidewalk the entire of length of Shriver Road. This would still provide connectivity from Shriver to Greensburg Road. We would all benefit from & support this alternative route.

- A sidewalk down Shriver Rd would also provide connectivity for Stoney Creek Development to access the schools, Central Park, and library.
- Trails that follow sidewalks next to existing roadways can be easily monitored by police forces and neighborhood watch groups. We encourage the City of Green not to propose trails, unless they are part of a park setting. Trails in remote areas cannot be monitored by police forces and neighborhood watch groups.

The proposed path does not serve the wants or needs of those living in Green Meadows neighborhood. We have no desire to be walking in the woods behind our neighbors' homes, nor would we feel safe in this unlit unmonitored setting. The city should reserve wooded paths for public park land.

The proposed paths would be in wetland and swamp land. The area is soft, muddy, and often floods. It is not the right terrain for a path.

The proposed path will interfere with access to the pump station at the end of Gardenia Dr.

We urge that private property rights be observed and that the property owners who desire not to be impacted by the paths be able to maintain their property rights. We request that the City of Green consider an alternative route.

The proposed routes may diminish the desire to reside near the path resulting in difficulty with selling real estate property thus lowering property values in Green Meadows development.

After installation is complete, the city will own a permanent easement on private property. The property owner must maintain and pay taxes on this land, but cannot use it freely without restriction.

Maintenance of a wooded path will be a problem. The current path in front of Portage Lakes Career Center is already poorly maintained.

Our neighborhood is coming off a recent fight with Nexus where we successfully rerouted the pipeline out of our backyards. Please just leave our property rights alone; this has become exhausting.

If necessary, we will take legal measures to try and prevent a public path in our private backyards.

-Signatures Attached -

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Homeowners Against The Trails Through Green Meadows Neighborhood

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