

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Stephanie Levis <sdlevis06@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 8:37 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Green City Parks

Dear Nicole,  
Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,  
I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

The city of Green needs to put the money into updating our parks, sport complexes and fields. Our sporting complexes and fields are far superior to our neighboring communities. It's almost embarrassing when neighboring communities come to Green to play games. There are not enough baseball fields for our kids to play on and most of the fields are in disrepair. The sports complex on Greensburg Road and the fields behind the school are horrible and they are not kept up. The fields at Ariss Park need to have time and money into them. They are not flat and there are dips all over the field.

Thank you,

Stephanie Levis  
2752 Superior Dr  
Uniontown Oh 44685

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Terrie Steele-Benore <terriesteeleb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bike Trail on Steese Rd

I neglected to ask you to read this at the next Council meeting - which I understand is this evening!

I'm adding this statement: I do not support the current Parks Master Plan that would include trails and taking residential property. I DO TOTALLY support adding a pool/rec center which is the most desired by the Community! Thank you!

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Terrie Steele-Benore** <terriesteeleb@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 10:53 AM  
**Subject:** Bike Trail on Steese Rd  
**To:** [council@cityofgreen.org](mailto:council@cityofgreen.org) <[council@cityofgreen.org](mailto:council@cityofgreen.org)>

I was more than SHOCKED to learn that Council is seriously considering putting a bike trail down Steese Rd. We've lived here for around 2 years now and our main concern has been safety on this road after moving in. Going to get your mail is a challenge alone, and now you want to think it's OK for children to ride their bikes down the hill with cars flying by....that includes police, fire, buses, people who use this as a pass through to avoid Arlington/Boettler/Massillon Roads? No one goes the speed limit - except for those of us that live on this road. And now, you want to consider having bicyclists riding up/down this hill? The speed limit is 35 and I'd say the average driver easily is going 40-45 plus as they come down the "s" curve in the road and then speed up even more as they go towards Greensburg.

My understanding is the telephone/electric poles will stay?...so you want bicyclists to navigate around those? Oh how beautiful that will look!

And how about property value? The homes/property on this road are well maintained and as soon as one comes up for sale, it is sold in days/weeks! Just because we are not NEW development doesn't mean we're an underserved area! Our architect just completed a remodel/addition that is out for bid so what's Council's recommendation...do we spend upward to \$50-60-70K now that you want to depreciate our property?

My question to Council...how would you vote to have a bike trail in your front yard? How would you feel about backing out or pulling into your driveway to avoid a speeding bike or a small child, while avoiding oncoming traffic as well?

We felt so fortunate to have found this home in Green 2 years ago when returning to this area. We could have moved anywhere but we chose Green!

There is no logic in putting a Trail on Steese Road! Thank you for your time! Terrie Steele and Les Johnson

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**From:** Tiffani Fisher <tiffani.fisher13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Plan

Dear Nicole,  
Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. There are several beautiful parks within green that could use improvements. A community pool would be an amazing addition to the community that would be a great family location for all of us. That being said, I do not support taking private property for parks use and we do not, I repeat we do not, need the parks to be connected through private property. That is an unnecessary waste of money and an infringement on their property and rights.

Thank you,  
Tiffani Fisher  
593 ohio dr, Clinton, OH 44216

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**From:** Lori Phillips <lorimp95@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:29 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Master Plan

Dear Nichole,

Please read our remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

We want our Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and we do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. We do not support using our Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing our neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. We feel very strongly this type of accessibility from the proposed trails throughout private properties will eventually attract crime.

Thank you,  
Clark Sumption and Lori Phillips  
6764 Cedar Ridge Trail  
Clinton Ohio

**Nichole Messner**

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**From:** Sarah Markley-Soloveiko <markley\_sarah@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Capital dollars

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting. [REDACTED]

Dear City Council,

We want our Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. We do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. we will never support eminent domain in any capacity. This city has ruined immense property due to the pipeline and we must now reinforce the rights of citizens and their private land. We have many great parks. We do not need connectivity (or any more traffic circles please). We want our tax dollars spent wisely and appropriately on necessary items only. Living on an extremely fixed income as a senior citizen that has been in Green for over 50 years, I cannot afford any more taxes. Please restrain from spending on a luxury wish list and maintain the great parks we do have. [REDACTED]

Thank you,  
The Markley Family  
410 Bonshire Rd. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Pat Fischer <plfsews@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Trails on or near private property

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I DO NOT support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

There are no sidewalks at all in our development. Why not start there? Making trails through people's back and front yards is a security risk for those of us who live there. We have to worry about leaving our garage doors up and who is tramping through our neighborhood. If you do put trails through the neighborhood, I hope you have a security force that is available to call when things go south or there is an incident. I can see the area in front of my house turning into an impromptu parking lot. Lucky me.

Can't you folks just leave us alone!!

Thank you,  
Pat Fischer  
Lakeview Drive

Sent from Pat's iPad.

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**From:** Sarah Smith <sssmith795@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 10:21 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks & Trails in Green

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

For years the home owners along Nimisila Reservoir have opposed extending the current trail around the south and east side of the reservoir, which is once again included in the trail plan. One of the allures to living along the reservoir is waterfront property. Eroding shorelines mean those property lines already extend out into the water. No one, regardless of where they live, wants strangers just a few feet from their front or back doors. I am concerned about the risk of increased crime because of access due to the trail plan. And in the case of isolated areas like that Nimisila Reservoir, lack of easy access for emergency responders makes that a target rich area.

I can not fathom the stress of a home owner who faces having their property taken to create a trail. A trail that the homeowner would have to maintain. A trail that could endanger the wellbeing of children playing in a yard. A trail that four-wheelers and snowmobiles could use at all hours of the day. A trail where people could camp out just feet from the backdoor. A trail that could diminish home values.

I support adding sidewalks along the streets, a paved surface which can be used by anyone - walkers and joggers, those who use wheelchairs or walkers, and those pushing strollers.

However, I strongly encourage you to improve the parks we currently have. The soccer fields could use lighting and improved drainage. Baseball/softball fields could be improved and more added to accommodate demand. There has been strong support for a community swimming pool. Please add walking trails within the current parks and bike lanes along current roads.

I ask that you provide transparency about how this plan was developed and how input was gathered. I encourage you to use parks money to protect green space, improve restrooms, and improve the existing parks and not divert parks money to building connectivity trails outside of parks.

Thank you,  
Sarah Smith  
181 Deer Valley Dr., Clinton, OH 44216

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**From:** PHYLLIS BISHOP <pjb1jab@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 4:36 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Trails —please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting

Dear City Council:

We do not need any trails behind homes. There is nothing safe about trails and especially behind property.

There are more important items the city needs for protection. This would be better WiFi, there are dead zones in many areas. Better WiFi would help kids in school, the school it self and faster calls to 911, the Sheriffs's department and the Fire Station.

As fas as an out door pool, there is one at the Y. Plus the maintenance of an outdoor pool would be a hard upkeep.

We need sidewalks, lighting in many neighborhoods, and a better WiFi. This is safety for all tax payers, trails would not be a safety for the City. We have many parks in the City people can walk their dogs or just go for a walk with friends. It's safer. And in today's times safety is key for everyone.

Our tax money should benefit the people. We do not support using tax dollars to build trails, and especially behind properties. The City needs better WiFi, sidewalks and neighborhood lighting.

Safety should be the concern for the City, better WiFi, better lighting in neighborhoods, and sidewalks.

Thank you  
Mr and Mrs Jack Bishop  
1819 King Drive



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**From:** Marcie Maione <maione.marcie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 11:57 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Remarks to be read at next City Council Meeting

Dear Nicole,

Please read our remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council, we would like our Parks Capital dollars spent to build an indoor pool/rec center facility. We do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted and stated in the current Master Trail Plan. **We do not support using tax dollars and resources to build trails by taking private property to do so.**

As a property owner of several homes in this immediate area, we do not want the Southgate Connector Route 26 that will traverse thru developed and undeveloped land already deemed not usable or accessible during the Nexus pipeline proposed route.

1. Why would this space be considered again as the property owners in this entire area were outraged over the last eminent domain Nexus takeover.
2. There are better, existing public routes that are in dire need of sidewalks on Shriver and Greensburg Roads that would make this same connection without eminent domain and infringing on the backyards of private homes. It would also connect Stoney Creek and Green Acres as well as other developments using public sidewalks.
3. It will also be extremely costly to build and maintain bridges and boardwalks instead of using more of a permanent, maintenance free sidewalk along public streets.
4. This area of concern is constantly flooding during heavy storms almost reaching our homes because the Anderson ditch has never been fully properly maintained and new buildings on Massillon Road have added to the water run off into the Anderson Ditch. Many complaints about this flooding have been filed over the years with the City of Green.
5. With the current proposed trail, abutting property owners are at risk of trespassers coming on their private property to gain trail access.

Very concerned property owners,

Bob & Marcie Maione  
1795, 1801 and 1799 King Drive

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Ellyn Moser <LN Moser@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Master Parks Plan Letter

Dear Nichole,  
Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. I would rather see more baseball/softball fields, with lights, updated restrooms, shade, and seating for our events, especially with COVID-19 precautions. There are many other ways to improve the city besides taking away property from our residents. We could add street lights on Massillon Road, where it is so dark. We could add sidewalks, so we could walk the main streets safely, create a bike lane to ride bikes safely. A community Pool for residents and an indoor sports facility that students/athletes can use all year long, one that has a baseball field, soccer field, tennis courts and football field. Can you imagine how much better our athletes COULD be with an incredible training facility? Many of our sports facilities were impacted from the Pipeline that was put in (NO I didn't forget even though the grass is green again) & parents aren't comfortable letting their children play on those facilities that are so close to the pipeline. It's hard to schedule baseball games using the 4 GOOD fields and the 2 softball fields, we have so many kids in sports and not enough space to let them play.

Thank you for your time,  
Ellyn Moser  
2385 Handforth St.

Ellyn Moser

"Make it a great day!"-- Jim Wylie, father

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**From:** Jaimie Thomas <jaimiet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Comments for City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

Please read my remarks below at our next City Council meeting:

Dear City Council,

I wish to express my preferences for how our parks' capital dollars are spent. I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using tax dollars and resources to build trails outside the individual park boundaries, and certainly not to build trails which would involve taking, buying, or leasing private property, or by creating easements on private property to accommodate trails. Please use the parks capital dollars for projects falling within the parks themselves. One amenity many residents would appreciate is an indoor pool and/or recreation center facility.

Thank you,

Jaimie Thomas  
4047 Donegal Circle  
Uniontown OH 44685

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**From:** Vivianne Duffrin <vduffrin@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Cc:** Barbara Babbitt  
**Subject:** remarks for upcoming council meeting

Clerk:

Please read the message below during the next city council meeting:

It has come to my attention that city council will soon be voting on whether to approve the Green Parks Dept. Parks Master Plan including creating multi-purpose trails throughout Green. I do not support the Plan, in particular the parts of the Plan which would build trails in residential areas.

My family and I are avid bike riders and outdoor exercise enthusiasts. We appreciate and enjoy all the biking trails in our area, especially the Towpath trail. I would enjoy having more accessibility in Green, however not at the expense of my neighbors who would need to endure a wide trail through their yards. I am not in favor of multi-purpose trails that run on private residential properties. Not only is this an invasion of the privacy of these homeowners, it would be a very costly endeavor for the city of Green to acquire the right to use these private properties in this fashion. Most Green residents will not quietly acquiesce to having their land taken by their government; the city will be in court fighting on many fronts through the eminent domain process. This is not a wise use of taxpayer funds.

Funding reserved for the parks should be used to improve our existing parks. There is much work to be done to improve what we have and that is where the money is best spent. Additionally, if the city can improve connectivity by adding trails in commercial or publicly owned properties, I am fine with that as well.

My family and I ask that city council vote against implementation of the Parks Master Plan as currently written.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vivianne Whalen Duffrin  
2821 Crows Nest Circle  
Uniontown, OH 44685

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**From:** James Schweikert <jschweikert@bmsa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:03 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Parks Master Plan

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Thank you,

James Schweikert

1261 Steese Rd

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**From:** Jamie <jamiefast1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** NO to the trails

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and continue to provide programming

I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Further more, connector trails would be a security concern and may cause additional spending for patrols or security cameras. It would be a violation of privacy if had someone walking in my backyard

Thank you,

Jamie Fast

Sent from my iPhone

**Nichole Messner**

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**From:** Mary Marcin <maryemarcin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks 2021 and beyond

Dear Nicole,  
Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.  
Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and continue to provide programming

I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Further more, connector trails would be a security concern and may cause additional spending for patrols or security cameras. It would be a violation of privacy if had someone walking in my backyard

Thank you,

Mary Marcin  
King Arthur dr

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**From:** Mary Brannon <mbrannon505@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:22 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to build an indoor pool/rec center facility. I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted.

I do not support using tax dollars and resources to build trails and taking property to do so.

My greatest wish is for an indoor pool and rec center. This is what I and many of my neighbors and friends in Green requested in the last survey.

Thank you,  
Mary Brannon  
1987 Koons Rd



## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Susanna Freeman <susanna.freeman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:53 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org

Dear Nicole,

Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to build an indoor pool/rec center facility. I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted.

I do not support using tax dollars and resources to build trails and taking property to do so.

My greatest wish is for an indoor pool and rec center.

Thank you,  
Susanna Freeman

Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get

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April 12, 2021

To: [council@cityofgreen.org](mailto:council@cityofgreen.org)

Dear Council Clerk: you are instructed to read our email at the upcoming Council meeting on April 13, 2021.

Good evening Mayor, Mr. President, members of Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

We address proposed Ordinance #2021-03 amending Green Ordinance Chapter 1229 and 1231. We request that this draft Ordinance not be passed as presently written. We respect city officials attempts to rectify complaints involving abandoned, unregistered specified vehicles on residential lots. Nevertheless, as written, Ordinance #2021-03 has been expanded and impacts residents owning various types of recreational vehicles in different ways of which we take issue. We oppose the overbroad, far-reaching, ambiguous language that mandates screening, 48 hour time limits in a 30-day period, setbacks, parking vs. storage, and vehicle length not exceeding 15 feet. Many families own recreational vehicles because of children, pets, elderly, or disabled passengers. Bath Township as well as other jurisdictions have no such restrictions in place.

The proposed restrictions set forth in Section 1229.05(F)(9)(B) state "...shall be enforced year round, although *during the months of May through October*, one Trailer, Recreational Vehicle, Camper or Boat may be parked in a driveway area for the purpose of *loading/unloading for a period of not more than (48) forty-eight hours in any consecutive (30) thirty day period.*"

We have owned recreational vehicles of various types since 1985. Presently, we own a 40-foot recreational vehicle, aka a motorhome, stored on property we own in Medina County. It is never used as a dwelling, office, or business while temporarily parked on our residential lot. "Storage" is not an issue given the common definition of the term. It is used specifically for recreational or other obligations necessitated with traveling.

1. Section 1229.05(9)(F) essentially prohibits parking such vehicles between November and April on one's lot. Camping season usually starts in March and ends in November. For example, some private campgrounds are open all year and a majority of state park campgrounds are open all year round. Many retirees leave home after Thanksgiving while some begin traveling after Christmas or after New Year's after spending holidays with families. Traveling in a recreational vehicle, that also involves towing a vehicle, is dependent upon favorable weather

conditions, such as 2021. Many retirees return home as early as March or April, as we did in March 2020, due to the pandemic, but being mindful of weather conditions to avoid driving in hazardous roadway conditions. We are required to travel every year due to guardianship legal responsibilities annually required after October through December. Snow storms and other bad weather conditions prohibit operating a large recreational vehicle and towing a vehicle behind the RV, with possible delays in removing the parked RV on a residential lot until weather conditions improved, which may exceed forty-eight hours.

2. Restrictions on loading and unloading RVs within (48) forty-eight hours in any consecutive thirty (30) day period is not practical nor reasonable. For example, if traveling in non-consecutive time frames. Some residents remain gainfully employed, vacationing for a week or two or on weekends several times during the camping season.

Also, (48) forty-eight hour restrictions in any consecutive thirty (30) day period is not reasonable when performing maintenance, cleaning, and preparations for departure, departure, and storage, that are all necessary for safety measures in anticipation for travel and off-site winter storage. Performing minor repairs and routine maintenance in a storage facility may be impossible if not restricted or prohibited. RV owners need the recreational vehicles at the home to do maintenance. In the event of any mechanical failure, it maybe impossible to get appointments scheduled for repairs on a timely basis; RV repair shops set appointments six weeks out if not longer. Off-season scheduling are still weeks out and months out for manufacturer's repairs. Scheduling delays prohibit, oftentimes, the ability to transport a recreational vehicle to repair shops.

3. Preparation for long term winter storage necessitates winterizing and de-winterizing in the spring. The restrictions fail to consider time constraints necessary for routine maintenance, minor repairs, washing, waxing, cleaning interiors, storage bays, wait-delay times for appointments for annual major repairs, whether anticipated or emergencies when the RV is returned home from a trip several days, maybe weeks, before taking the RV to a specialized shop.

Winterizing and de-winterizing is at least a two to three day process each time, moving at a fairly fast pace. For example, winterizing procedures requires the following:

- an air compressor to blow out water lines, washer tubing, ice maker tubing, draining out the fresh water tank, draining water pump, low water drain, hot water tank, all water filters
- unpacking all compartments
- cleaning and checking for leaks etc.
- Pump antifreeze in all water lines
- Lubricate all seals, exterior hinges, all exterior locks, slide out tracks and gears
- Awnings must be cleaned and UV treated
- Lube jacks
- Tighten radiator spring clamps
- Treat roof with protective UV conditioner.
- Rodent proof
- checking batteries.

De-winterizing requires the following:

- Sanitizing appliances, all water lines and fresh water tank takes more than 24 hours.
- Packing with all necessities for travel: clothes, food, emergency repair products.
- Checking tires, air pressures, water pumps, generator, etc.
- Re-lube all the above under weatherization.
- Re-adjust hose clamps for warm weather
- clean coach inside and out
- Drain and refill hot water tank.
- Check for rodent damages, bugs etc.

4. Several days are required to pack or unpack. Unpacking takes longer than to pack as the RV as cleaning prevents rodents and mold while in long term storage. Both procedures are more than just loading up and unpacking a few clothes or pet food.

Preparing, loading, or unloading a recreational vehicle within the proposed, restricted 48-hour time frame is challenging for many families where both spouses are employed and have children or families that may have a disabled person to accommodate. Preparing a recreational vehicle for travel is not like preparing for a picnic to pack a car with a cooler and suit cases and go out for the day. It is exhaustive, time-consuming procedures that are especially so for retirees with physical limitations; we are slower than we were thirty years ago.

5. The RV is connected to utilities to maintain batteries and to use the interior electric and water. Our recreational vehicle contains six coach batteries and two chassis batteries that must be maintained by charging for at least 24 hours in preparation for a trip. If batteries not properly charged they will fail and gas over which cause corrosion. That is a very expensive, although preventable, replacement cost. Whether maintaining or preparing or returning from a trip, utilities are necessary.

6. The language is ambiguous between storage and parking in Exhibit A, Section 1229.05(9). Those terms can transcend meaning. The proposal on its face, appears to distinguish between storage and parking. A parked vehicle may arbitrarily become a stored vehicle once 48 hours passes, effectively creating violations every time.

7. Screening from adjoining properties is prohibitively expensive if not impossible. Not all parcels can comply with the proposed requirements. The proposed amendment to Section 1229.05(9)(B) is most restrictive related to such vehicles by effectively prohibiting a property owner from bringing a recreational vehicle on the property at any time regardless of storage or parking issues unless proposed screening and setback requirements are met, especially given lot measurements and deed restrictions in a given allotment such as ours.

Adequate screening from the view of the adjacent properties is not feasible given deed restrictions in some allotments that prohibit fencing. The deed restrictions in the development prohibit fences unless a swimming pool exists. Planting vegetation requires several years to mature and the RV could still be visible from the street. Our lot faces two streets. It is an unreasonable restriction to place trees and landscaping all around a parcel beyond the 15-foot

roadway easement for several safety reasons. The proposed language in Exhibit A 2021-03, Section 1229.05(F)(9)(B) is an unreasonable burden.

Our particular parcel is a corner lot where the sides of lots are actually in the backyard based upon the tri-angular structure. Our lot is 0.59 acre. There are 15 foot setback requirements on two lot sides and 50-foot setback requirements on the other two sides of the lot facing two intersecting streets. Those setback requirements and lot size of a minimum of 0.5 acre apply to all parcels within the development prior to the acreage lot size being amended subsequent to the houses being built since 1985.

Our RV is parked in our driveway close to the house whenever we plan on leaving on a trip or returning from a trip. It is impossible to screen or enclose almost the entire length of the driveway under the proposed amendment.

It is impossible to park a motorhome on a solid surface more than 50 feet from the roadway unless the parcel is larger than several acres. The required distance from a building would cause a recreational vehicle to be encroaching into the roadway due to the RV length. Due to the inclined slope of our driveway, we must pull the coach close to the garage door.

8. The proposal places an unreasonable restriction on the “stored” vehicle length to 15 feet, similar to a small passenger vehicle that could be stored next to a single sized garage unit. Once 48 hours elapses, then the “parked” motorhome more than 15 feet becomes a prohibited “stored” vehicle, imposing sanctions for violations.

9. The subsection refers to a Code Inspector to arbitrarily consider various matters of the vehicle in relationship to the lot it is parked, implying that violations are imposed with subsequent, not predetermined, considerations.

10. The proposed amendment implicitly requires residents to petition local government for approval to bring an RV to the home during the months of November through April. The language begs the implementation of procedural requirements be drafted, specifying when a resident requests advance approval before taking personal time for vacations or conditions of emergency exceptions in other situations.

In summary, we understand the need for restrictions in some circumstances, but not to the extent proposed. If Ordinance 2021-03 fails on its own, least restrictive, alternative revisions to Ordinance 2021-03 are necessary to clarify ambiguous words and phrases, distinguishing storage vs. parking of a recreational vehicle, permitting parking for reasonable time periods, no more than thirty (30) consecutive days, and omitting restrictions from November through April that essentially prohibits usage of a recreational vehicle given special circumstances. Mandating screening of whatever type is not feasible in various limited land lot sizing and placement of setbacks. In addition, a grandfather provision should be in effect for residents who have owned recreational vehicles long before Ordinances went into effect and before the City of Green became established. Retroactive mandates with penalties impose various hardships to residents. Many residents mistakenly believe they are grandfathered under former ordinances.

Ordinance 2021-03 is most problematic with overreaching, ambiguous, legal interpretations. Although the zoning and planning commission seeks to address abandoned, unregistered described vehicles and vehicles occupied on residential lots for extended periods of time, or persons living in recreational vehicles. Ordinance 2021-03 imposes unreasonable restrictions on targeted registered owners of specific recreational vehicles who are not violators of the City of Green's ordinances nor included in the foregoing described group that the city officials seek to regulate. Multiple vehicles stored on single-family lots, often exceeding five vehicles, commercial earth-moving vehicles, etc., ATV's operated on public roads without state registration or operator's permits by minor children, or multiple families residing in a single family residence create a different form of abuse of that should be included in separate zoning codes. A new Ordinance addressing abandoned, broken down, unregistered recreational vehicles, occupied recreational vehicles, and other broadly defined vehicles encompassing any type of vehicles may be necessary to reflect the actual intentions the zoning and planning commission desires. The proposed language should target the intended types of violations the City of Green wishes to remedy. Respectfully, we request Ordinance 2021-03 not be passed as written.

Thank you for your kindly attention to reconsiderations of the above concerns. We look forward to a favorable resolution to these restraints.

Please contact us anytime should anyone require additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Berger and Susan M. Collins-Berger

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Jessica Kask <kask.jessica@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Trail

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve EXISTING parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I MOVED TO green to get away from Dean Young and his idiotic trails plan, now to see your proposal thinks of going through my backyard, I'm disgusted, and considering moving out of Green because of it. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Thank you,

Jessica Kask  
3889 Meadow Wood  
200 RYT  
Restorative RYT  
Prenatal/Postnatal Yoga Teacher



## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Leanne Fernandez <leanne.bihn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Citizen Feedback on Proposed Parks Master Plan

City Council,

I wanted to write in with my objections and thoughts on the proposed parks master plan that you will be voting on which includes the proposed trails throughout many neighborhoods in the city.

As a relatively new resident of about six years in Green, I am deeply disappointed in the lack of transparency that surrounds the development of this trail plan along with the desire to take land via eminent domain from the taxpaying citizens of the city. The proposed trail plan will create greater congestion in our neighborhood streets, bringing people from other areas into our city, and creating greater risk by the number of unknown, non-residents that will now have easy access to neighborhoods.

I, for one, would be livid with the proposition to have a trail running through my backyard. The reason my husband and I moved to Green and decided to build a home and raise our children here was to have a yard in a safe community that would retain its value. The safety of our children in their own backyards is gone the minute we allow trails to enter our neighborhoods. Further, I would never consider buying a home with a public trail running through the backyard. For the hard working homeowners that have invested in their properties to have their land taken from them for this plan by the use of eminent domain and then be unable to sell and get their money out of their properties is purely criminal.

The actions by this mayor and council to disregard the desires of the citizens and continue to exercise the use of eminent domain makes me embarrassed to be a resident of this town and strongly consider moving.

Regards,  
Leanne Fernandez

A Resident of Kings Ridge



## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Caroline Miller <carecare09@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** Rocco Yeargin; Council@cityofgreen.org; bbabbit@cityofgreen.org; Richard Brandenburg; Clark DeVitis; Dave France  
**Subject:** Master Trails- Concerns and Vote no for my representation

Hello all,

Although trails to parks seem great- I would be in favor of them if they would mostly be going through land people wanted to give for this purpose. As I see from others in the community- many of our neighborhood properties will be affected. Along with access comes serious concerns that not only I have but many others as well.

1. Property- how will it be obtained? If the proposed residential properties (Back, side and front yards of residents are needed often in contiguous fashion- what happens if someone doesn't want the trail on their property? Also are those willing to be involved going to be compensated and then allowed to put up a privacy fence?

2. Safety/security/lighting- if paved will be large enough to allow all types of ATV and even vehicle access for possible less-than-desired quick access to homes which are now currently only accessible by streets. If not paved- anyone requiring assistive devices (strollers, wheelchairs, canes/walkers etc) cannot safely use it- decreasing the household use to somewhere just over 1/2 of households of Green residents. No proposed lighting has been shown which is well-known to increase crime over time with said access.

3. Trash/legal implications/maintenance- who cleans up the trails from Dog waste trash etc? Who would be responsible if someone gets hurt- who's property is it? Who will maintain it to a desired level so home values do not decrease? Will it look like a sidewalk in some areas and a composite trail in others? What is the plan for maintaining them and who will pay for it?

I think when the initial park survey was completed- an overall city and park accessibility was a request. However stating one would like trails, then a small group deciding where the trail will run- directly through private property- is not what many would choose, including myself. City accessibility can be completed in a much safer and secure way than putting in trails. Sidewalks and street-lighting all over Green would be properly maintained by the city, with improved house appraisal value/curb appeal and aesthetics. The increased access could be appreciated by ALL residents to wherever they would like to go- shop, play or eat, not only to a select healthy few who would like to go to parks. Everyone should have safe access to what he or she desires to do within the city.

Many of my neighbors could not safely enjoy something as proposed (needing strollers, training bikes, wheelchairs, walkers and canes) our increased senior population will not benefit from them. The property owners would also likely suffer a decrease in their property value and increased risks of littering, burglary and reckless behavior at all hours- along with added maintenance tasks, payments and/or requests that may take >10 years to repair- I'm not at all in favor of it.

I think those representing the City have an obligation to seek the true values and opinions of the full project with the residents of Green. In doing so- representatives should be representing all in their area and might find that overall people in Green are not in favor of the plan.

Thank you-

Caroline Miller  
4043 April Drive

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Souad Smith <smsmith0704@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:53 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Current Parks Master Plan

Dear City Council,

I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building connective trails on residential property.. I do not support property owners holding any responsibly to maintain these trails that intersect their property. Please reconsider when voting— do not build public use areas close to private residencies.

Thank you,  
Souad Smith  
1343 Beechnut Drive  
Akron, OH 44312

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Souad Smith

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** ilovethebeach1! <cewest22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:17 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks

Please use parks capital dollars to improve parks. I am not in favor of building trails outside of the parks and paying for easements to do so.

Cathy West  
Rippleview dr  
Clinton Ohio 44216

Sent from my iPad

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Jennifer Gehring <jgehring62@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:29 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Dear city council

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Thank you,

Jennifer Gehring  
361 abbyshire rd

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Lau S. Longtin <lucasbox@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:13 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Master Plan

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Thank you,

Laura & Brad Longtin  
418 Cheshire Rd  
Akron OH 44319

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Johnson Suzanah <skjohnson5501@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:48 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Please read my comments at the next city council meeting

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. I do not support having people walking through my neighbor's or my backyard. It would only make me more leery of the people around me. Our park dollars need to go strictly towards park improvement and upkeep and not to something that will create security issues and is possibly lining someone's pocket.

Thank you,  
Suzanah Johnson  
2720 Massillon Rd.  
Akron, OH 44312

**Nichole Messner**

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**From:** Cody Huff <chuff704@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:32 AM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Capital Plan

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard.

Thank you,

Cody Huff

4461 Broadley Circle

Uniontown, Ohio 44685

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Gary Mosteller <gmosteller@integrityprintsolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Nichole Messner  
**Subject:** Parks Master Plan

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Nicole,

I did a quick read of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and would be in support of it moving forward.

There was a lot of detail but what jumped out at me was that 85% of residents are in favor of parks and park improvements.

My family moved to Green in 1991 and we are happy with the park system and glad that the city has emphasized usage of the parks through the years.

As people continue to look for activities closer to home, the parks will continue to grow in popularity and usage.

The Plan to continue to improve the park system is another reason that living in Green has been a good decision.

Best Regards,

**Gary E. Mosteller**

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## Nichole Messner

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**Subject:** FW: Comprehensive Master Plan

**From:** Kim Goodhart <KGoodhart@cityofgreen.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 7:28 AM  
**To:** Nichole Messner <nmessner@cityofgreen.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Comprehensive Master Plan

Good Morning Nichole –  
Another letter in support below of the Parks Master Plan.

Kim Goodhart  
Green Parks & Recreation  
Program Coordinator

***Green Parks & Recreation...creating community connection through inspiring parks and engaging programs!***

**From:** Patricia Stiles <pstiles2260@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 6:28 AM  
**To:** Kim Goodhart <KGoodhart@cityofgreen.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Comprehensive Master Plan

Kim- I hope this is alright. If you need more contact me and I certainly can write more or if I have missed the correct idea of what you need, let me know.

As I look over the Green Comprehensive Master Plan, I see a great deal of work and effort going into the plan. I love the green parks and all the opportunities that they afford the Green citizens. Much work and effort has gone into this Master Plan to try to continue making Green a wonderful place to live.

My daughter and I enjoyed the hikes last fall that were offered. I hope you will encourage more people to see the beauty of our city by expanding the walking trails and making people more aware of the opportunities that we have in our city. Once our green spaces are gone, it is difficult to get them back. We are very blessed to have so many people working to keep us aware of what we have and not to let it be destroyed.

On Friday, March 26, 2021, 03:27:08 PM EDT, Kim Goodhart <kgoodhart@cityofgreen.org> wrote:

**Nichole Messner**

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**Subject:** FW: Master Plan Support

To whom it may concern:

Upon review of the City's comprehensive parks master plan I would like to express my support and confidence in this plan.

As a frequent park user I have utilized many of the programs, events and facilities the city has to offer. I hike regularly, cross country ski, play pickle ball and am an avid bicycle rider.

I appreciate the time and effort put into this comprehensive plan and would be pleased to see it to fruition.

Thank you,  
Jackie Parker  
4483 Massillon Rd.

To Whom it may Concern,

We are grateful for the support of the City of Green, in providing the Pickleball courts at Boettler Park.

The courts were a "godsend" during the Pandemic. Unable to safely utilize indoor recreational facilities, the courts became an outdoor "oasis" for our Seniors. Our group provided communications, sanitizer, water, and physical distancing support throughout the year. The results were that some semblance of "social" activity and physical exercise, which are critical to wellness for Seniors, were accessible.

Unfortunately, the courts were only available until dusk. Many Seniors are still employed, or involved in daily Family assistance and care, and were unable to participate. As the season progressed, and daylight hours diminished, group participation faded.

Boettler Park was the first permanent Pickleball venue in Summit County. At times, specifically evenings, more than thirty players (physically distanced) are waiting to play.

Lights on the courts would reduce the numbers waiting to play, due to additional play time expansion of approximately thirty percent. Lighting would further encourage significantly more participation from Seniors who have daytime commitments.

The result will be increased wellness and additional support systems for many more Seniors in our community. No other lighted permanent Pickleball courts currently exist in Summit County at this time. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Robert Keith

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** khonemcmahan@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:18 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Green Parks and Rec Master Plan

Dear Green Council members:

We have expressed our thoughts previously about trails in the city. We are asking that you please pass the Green Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Currently, we are preparing our home to sell and are in the process of buying a building lot (in Green) that would put us even closer to a possible trail leading from Boettler Park. That is how important we think trails are to the community.

We recall at least one questionnaire in which many members of the community expressed a desire for connectivity. Even the Centers for Disease Control recommends such action.

"Parks and trails are an important part of a community. In a well-designed community, homes, parks, stores, and schools are **connected** by safe walking and biking routes." CDC


Regards,  
Chris and Kim McMahan, Green

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Marcia Leinwand <marcia.leinwand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:41 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Plan

Dear council members:

I'm writing to you about the Green Master Plan. My family and I are in favor of the plan as we would like to be able to someday walk from one park to another. As the grandmother of two Green school children (who live with me), I truly believe that such a plan would bring them, and their young friends, such joy. Additionally, it would give senior citizens a challenge and another way to stretch our legs. 

Thank you for your consideration,

Marcia Leinwand, Green

**Nichole Messner**

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**From:** mbhartley22@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:53 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Green Parks Master Plan

Dear Green Council Members:

Please note that we are in favor of a Master Parks Plan with connectivity from one park to another in the city. It would be a benefit for the community and make Green an even more desirable place to live and play.

Maria and Frank Hartley  
Binfield Circle, Green

**Nichole Messner**

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**From:** Robert Joel Duff <rjduff@uakron.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 10:20 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Support for the Green Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Connectively Recommendations

RE: Support for Master plan – to be read into the record unless I am unable to attend the city council meeting of 4/13/2021 in which case reading outload is not necessary but distribution by email to city council members is still requested.

Dear Green City Council Members,

My family have been active users of nearly every park in Green. My wife and I have been eagerly following the plans for the continued improvement and expansion of Green Parks. I have read the Parks and Rec Master Plan proposal and have listened to the discussion of the plan at the most City Council meeting. We believe this plan has the best interests of our community at heart. I am especially impressed with the part of the master plan that has a forward-thinking objective to connect many of the Green parks to surrounding neighborhoods and then together the parks to Town Center. This "connectively plan" recommends the eventual construction of bike and walking paths that will stretch out into communities bringing us all closer to our parks and each other.

Any 21<sup>st</sup> century and maturing city such as Green will benefit from the initiatives laid out in this plan. Yes, I understand that it will come at some cost as all good things do. I understand that the exact distribution of funds to Green Parks proper and additional pathways connecting points within Green has yet to be determined. Whatever the investment ends up being, this investment will be greatly rewarded both individually in greater access and better parks and corporately, just like good schools help each of us even if we don't have children that attend them. Our property values will increase, and the city will attract more people that value the services that we provide.

Surveys, my own interactions with friends and family and the evidence from similar plans implemented in communities across this country suggest that there is broad support for plans just like those we have before us. I encourage you to support this plan and follow the recommendations in it by committing to work together to finding creative and feasible ways of making these plans a reality.

Regards,  
Joel Duff  
Home: 1489 Beechnut Dr. Akron OH44312

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R. Joel Duff, PhD  
Director, Integrated Bioscience PhD Program  
Professor of Biology  
University of Akron

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Josh Ritchie <joshua@ritchiessports.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 6:16 PM  
**To:** Nichole Messner  
**Subject:** City of Green Master Park Plan

Hi Nicole,

I have reviewed the City of Green Master Park Plan and really like the plan for connecting the parks. As a resident and active runner and biker I believe this will be a great benefit to our community. Running and riding on the roads has not been safe and I am looking forward to having a safe place to exercise. I know my young family will utilize this trail all the time. Thank you for your hard work in drafting this plan.

Joshua Ritchie  
2574 Spyglass Way, Uniontownl

April 12, 2021

Barbara Babbitt , Christopher J. Meager "C.J.", Rocco Yeargin, Matt Shaughnessy, Richard Brandenburg, Clark A. DeVitis, Dave France,

For several years, the Park and Recreation Board had requested that council allocate funds to update the 2006 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The city charter states "The Parks and Recreation Board shall develop a plan to provide for the parks and recreational needs of the community and shall oversee implementation of that plan." The community has changed a lot in 15 years, and we wanted to be sure we were making recommendations to council that coincided with the community desires for park and recreation developments. We were very pleased that in recent years, council allocated funds to update the master plan. We are pleased with the draft plan presented recently. There was a statistically significant number of households that participated in the year long process to develop this master plan. The community input was very helpful and will guide the Park and Recreation Board as we plan and request funds to be allocated to park projects. The priorities of projects identified by the community are not that different than the priorities outlined in the 2006 document. The Key findings identified in the current draft include:

- Improvements to existing parks
- Preservation of/access to natural areas
- Connectivity and trails
- Year-round recreation & programming
- Indoor program space
- Lichtenwalter Schoolhouse – more programming
- New outdoor aquatic facility
- Expanded programming and events
- Upgraded playgrounds
- Support Amenities
- Improved marketing and promotion
- Continuation of exiting capital funding provision

These recommendations are not carved in stone, but are very helpful to keep in mind when planning and making funding requests. With the past plan, we were never able to develop a realistic plan to have an outdoor swimming pool, which was listed as a high priority in the 2006 plan. We were able to work with Council to develop Central Park when that opportunity presented itself, even though that was not in the Master Plan. Other park updates and developments have been in line with priorities indicated in the 2006 Master Plan.

A strategic plan will help the park and recreation board as they request funds. A plan will allow for planned use of funds, and cohesive use of parklands, funding, and activities. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will provide Council with valuable feedback as they determine the best use of funding for parks. This document will guide decisions.

The Parks and Recreation Board strongly encourages council to accept the advice of the administration and the recommendation of this board to accept the Master Plan.

Park & Recreation Board Members:

Michael Bianchi  
Rod Moore  
Donna Anderson  
Jennifer Foster  
Victor Pinheiro



## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Tina Hartong <chadtinahartong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 8:39 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Email to council members

Please read in the record of the April 13, 2021 Council meeting:

Dear Green Council Members

After reading the Executive Summary, regarding the proposed Parks Master Plan, it is evident that this proposal is extremely comprehensive. The efforts that have gone into this plan, illustrates that the city is concerned about how to “better serve” the community and overall wellbeing and health of its residents.

The Parks Master Plan appears to be reflecting the “needs” of our changing community, through data-driven information and surveys. Trails and multi-use trails seem to be a common interest within our parks. Updating our existing parks and facilities with new infrastructure is ABSOLUTELY essential to better serve more age groups.

There has been a lot of conversation about “connectivity trails” linking our existing park systems together. Many residents fear that private property will be ceased by the city, or that park-capital funding will be used to purchase land outside the existing parks. *Perhaps I am amiss, but nowhere in the executive summary does it say property will be taken or park capital funding will be misused?* Growth in a community is always going to happen, which means expansion. I surely hope my council members will always look to acquire more green space when viable.

Adding trail systems to our existing parks will only improve the overall health and beauty of our community. Connectivity can include updating our current parks with new technology, offering more programming and events, all of which help bring a community together. I fully recommend and support the comprehensiveness of this plan, and I’m confident that our city can make it happen.

Sincerely,  
Chad Hartong  
3781 Mayfair Road  
Uniontown, Ohio 44685

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Jeffrey Reale <ru4reale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** For council meeting in April

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for the proposed trails for walking/hiking/biking from park to park in Green.  
Feel free to read out loud at the meeting.

Peace,

Jeffrey Reale

3945 Greenridge Dr

Thank you for the opportunity to address Council concerning Resolution 2021-R20.

I would like to recommend that City Council accept the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. I feel the consultants did an excellent job reviewing the demographics of our city, comparing our park system with similar cities of our size, reviewing the existing conditions in our parks and compiling data on what Green residents would like to see in their parks.

I consider the information in this report to be extremely valuable to the Green Parks and Recreation Board. The consultants recommendations are well thought out and provide a good starting point for improvements, such as adding restrooms, water bottle filling stations, playground equipment for 2-5 year olds, trails in existing parks and nature and wellness programs.

Part 8 has an incredible amount of information. It includes recommendations for improvements in individual parks, estimated costs of the improvements, and timelines for accomplishing the improvements. I was pleased to see the recommendations for adding more features to Kreighbaum Park as the northeastern section of the City has limited park services.

I ask that City Council accept this document as the research and recommendations will be an asset for future park improvements. It would be a shame not to utilize the information that was included in this plan.

Thank you,  
Jane Weaver  
4471 Dogwood Court

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Erin Yoder <evyoder19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Trails running through Green

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Nicole,  
Please read my remarks below at the next City Council meeting.

Dear City Council,

I want my Parks Capital dollars spent to improve parks and I do not support the Parks Master Plan as it is currently drafted. I do not support using my Parks Capital money on building trails outside of parks or forcing my neighbors to maintain a park trail in their yard. This is a complete disregard of our communities rights and of the property they're paying for. This is not an "eminent domain situation nor should it be...no one has the right to force homeowners to give up their land so that strangers can walk on it. I feel like this is a violation of the faith we have put in Green, our City Council, and our Mayor. We do NOT want these trails running into our and our neighbors properties.

At this point, I feel like its a complete lack of respect for our community and for the property rights we as owners have. If you're looking for more trails, we just purchased Raintree, why not use that park for trails? Why not use the money you've earmarked to force homeowners to allow trails they don't want on their property, to buy more land or add trails to existing parks. I truly hope you take not only the wishes of a community but also what's legally and morally right. You don't have the right to make homeowners and their families less safe by forcing them to allow strangers to walk on their property.

Thank you,  
Erin Yoder

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Jacalyn Luli <rubyred2008@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** trails and sidewalks

Dear council members and Mr Mayor.

My Name is Jackie Luli 1264 Steese Rd. I am totally against any trails on Steese Rd or sidewalks. This is a dangerous part of Steese Rd. With the curves and hill and the traffic on Steese we cant have trails or sidewalks. They speed down this road and I can't imagine walking my dog or having bikes on this road. We have been here for years and this is not an allotment road. Trails are nice where there is no traffic. Its nice to see sidewalks by the school which is flat not here.

Also we dont need any regulations about campers on our properties. People in allotments should have their own rules. Areas of Green are still rural and need to stay that way.

Also we don't need a round about at 619 and Massillon rd. Too much trafffic goes through there. Its not safe. Not every intersection should be a roundabout I seen a trailer and car accident at Steese the other day. Can you see a trailer going through 619 and Massillon rd.

Please read this at meeting tonight .

Jackie Luli

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Dustin Miller <stinmiller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:44 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Parks Master Plan

Hello council,

As a resident I have observed recent negativity over the parks plan on the Internet. I am reaching out to provide a positive and encouraging voice around the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and trails and connectivity in particular.

I have visited other locations that have greater trail connectivity throughout their city that allow for safe cycling and walking, and I can envision this being greatly beneficial in Green. I would personally replace some car transportation with bike transportation from my neighborhood in Rolling Greens to Market District and also from my neighborhood to Boettler/Southgate park if safe trails existed.

When the multi-purpose trail on Steese Rd was recently added, it allowed for safe bicycle travel from my neighborhood to Central Park, the tennis courts, and the school playground for my wife, sons and me. The addition of that trail has been one of the biggest quality of life improvements the City of Green has made since I've lived here ('86-'02 & '09-present).

I appreciate the thoughtful and data driven approach that is being taken towards trail development including the survey collection of desired trails and the test rides of routes with protection via police escort.

My only problem with this entire plan is the timeline is much longer than desired. I understand the funding and easements will take time and there are limited options to accelerate development.

I'm confident all members of our community will benefit from trails and connectivity, either directly through use or indirectly through the increased health and wealth of our community.

Thank you again for the trails and connectivity consideration and please call upon me as needed to support this important initiative.

Thank you,

Dustin Miller  
(330) 618-5814

April 5, 2021

City of Green  
City Council  
1755 Town Park Blvd  
Green OH 44685  
Attn: Nichole Messner – Clerk of Council

Dear Members of Council:

My name is John Vallillo and I have been a resident of the City of Green for over twenty years. Most recently, I served on the Pipeline Settlement committee that developed recommendations for Council to allocate funds received by the City toward various projects related to the Nexus Pipeline litigation.

I am interested in the news about the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the exciting possibilities if fully implemented according to the priorities developed by Green citizens with assistance from the professional consulting group. Green has developed parks and recreational opportunities second to none and we are now at a point in time where additional enhancement of these facilities as well as linking them together will provide current and future residents the facilities needed for a growing community.

My involvement in the community includes service on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition (OECC) for many years. I was Chair of the organization in the 1990's when the O&E Canal National Heritage Area became reality fulfilling the dreams of Congressmen Ralph Regula (R-Navarre) and John Seiberling (D-Akron). Before the legislation would be considered, the OECC acted as the coordinating agency bringing together every political entity from Cleveland to New Philadelphia to support the creation of the Heritage Area. There were many parks, historical sites, trails, the Cuyahoga Valley National Heritage Area (now a National Park), and related businesses supporting these facilities but no thread linking all together to take advantage of the growth potential that all could envision. Not until the creation of the federal entity linking all these communities together with the support of every governmental entity would the National Heritage Area reach the full potential you see today.

The physical linkage now known as the Towpath Trail is still being built 25 years after creation of the Heritage Area. Without this trail, none of the growth and preservation of our heritage would be possible. Over the past 25 years, hundreds of millions of dollars in investment has occurred in Northeast Ohio, creating many jobs, enhancing our environment and health of our citizens, and making where we live even better for generations to come.

I ask the Green City Council to follow the example of the past Congressional leaders and many people involved in the creation of the Heritage Area. Full implementation of the Parks and Recreation Plan in the City of Green will show our citizens its leaders have the vision to make their lives better as well as understanding what this plan means for future growth. Your commitment to maintaining and improving the City Parks will not only make where we live a better community, but will improve the

quality of life for all, and connect us in a way that is so needed and has become only too evident by the pandemic we are experiencing.

Businesses look for many things in a community when deciding to either expand or locate and other than the quality of schools, park and recreation facilities is high on the list of factors. Acceptance of this plan shows our Council is forward looking and concerned with the needs and desires of its citizens.

Most importantly, our parks need to be connected and not islands of activity. Inter-connected park facilities are needed now before the opportunity to do this disappears with future development. All opportunities to fund these connections should be pursued and implemented as soon as possible. As with the Towpath Trail, the City of Green will show its citizens facilities that meet the needs of today as well as those of the next generations to come.

Sincerely,

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April 8, 2021

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Dear City of Green Council,

The City of Green's many parks and trails as well as its schools and playgrounds are vital parts of its community and are utilized by most of its citizens. The Green Family YMCA and many of our 7,000 members currently rely on these places for before and after school care and day camp.

Many of the priorities identified in this new 2021 Green Parks and Recreation Master Plan align with community needs that the YMCA has identified including programming for seniors, child care and wellness. Often we are unable to run needed programming due to space constraints. Together we can provide programs that marry our community needs with our expertise in fitness and wellness, aquatics and child care.

On behalf of the Green Family YMCA members, volunteers and staff, we are so excited to remain a committed partner with the City of Green. We are especially eager to explore additional ways that we can deliver programs and services identified in the 2021 Green Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

As we work to adapt to and overcome the impact of COVID19, it is important to maximize the strength of our community assets. We believe partnering with the City of Green Parks and Recreation Department on this master plan will foster a greater sense of community and emerge from the pandemic a stronger Green.

Sincerely,

*Lori L. Lautenschlager*  
Executive Director  
Green Family YMCA

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## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Jeff Noble <jnakron70@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:53 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Support for Parks Master Plan

Council:

Please consider this email my support for the Parks and Connectivity Master Plan which has been developed over the past 2 plus years. As an interested resident I have been following this issue for years. I attend the initial meetings on connectivity years ago and provided input. My wife and I also responded to the City's online surveys to voice our thoughts on a variety of park related issues. I read the draft master plan a few weeks ago when it was advertised and published and provided a few thoughts to the service department. There have been ample opportunities to be involved in this process, I thank the City for that opportunity.

As a growing City, that over time has made the transition from a rural community to a more dense suburb, creating a more walkable community is a must for the safety of our residents. That includes a system of sidewalks and trails that connect residential areas to our parks and business areas. These amenities create a safe location for residents to walk their dogs, exercise, and get to our parks and restaurants without having to get in a car. Walkability is a critical element for the safety of our children as outlined in the Federal Safe Routes to School initiatives. What the City is trying to accomplish is what all progressive City's strive for, this is not an anomaly. Sidewalks and Trails provide value to our residents and make our commercial corridors more attractive to businesses.

Trails that connect residential areas to parks serve a recreational purpose that is consistent with the spirit of how we spend our park capital dollars. Residents drive to Boettler and Ariss parks daily just to walk on these trails. Providing a system of trails throughout the City serves the same purpose. Council still has to power to take exception to any individual project based on its individual circumstance much like what happened in the previous months. The master plan does not relinquish the power of appropriation of funding.

I have included 2 links below that highlight why we need to be pursuing the goals of the connectivity plan. A Green teenager was killed in 2011 walking along a roadway in Ward 4 without sidewalks and similarly in 2017 2 Coventry Township teens were killed and another critically injured walking along a main roadway with no sidewalks. Both of these accidents could have been prevented had there been pedestrian facilities. The goal of connectivity and walkability is to prevent just these types of accidents.

[Coventry community mourns death of two 8th-grade students](#)

[No charges in collision that killed Green teen](#)



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Summit County sheriff's office says no charges will be filed against the driver whose vehicle killed 15-year-old...

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**From:** Donna Anderson <dlanderson1111@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** Vicki Raymond  
**Cc:** Barbara Babbitt; Christopher J. Meager; Clark DeVitis; Dave France; Dave France; Delanie Hallock; ellahemphill; iznicole.1023; teamfoster; Matt Shaughnessy; mdbianchi33; Michael Elkins; doerrerparker; Richard Brandenburg; Richard Brandenburg; rmoore; victor; Kelly Lavaco; Kim Goodhart; Nichole Messner; Valerie Wax Carr; Valerie Wolford  
**Subject:** Re: Parks Board Meeting Agenda - April 7, 2021

Good morning,

I realize it is too late to add agenda items to the Parks Board meeting this evening but, under old business, I would like to address the social media posts I read yesterday filled with a shocking amount of misinformation and untruths regarding the parks master plan. I have also received several messages from people who believe what they are reading and are upset.

While the goals of the parks plan will overlap the trail and connectivity one being developed by the planning department it is a completely separate document managed by different teams and consultants. I am certain there will be ample opportunity for public comment on that plan.

The current plan echoes mostly the same wants and needs of residents as the 2006 master plan, a 2004 needs assessment and various surveys - trails and connectivity always near the top of the list. So it is no surprise that connectivity is addressed.

This is a working document meant to guide requests for future development and improvements not a request for funding of any sort as has been claimed.

The PRB is directed in the charter to develop a plan to provide for the parks and recreational needs of the community. With the collaboration of the administration and the steering committee we have done so. The highly reputable and nationally recognized consultants - they went through a lengthy approval process - spent a year seeking ample public input and developing this plan. And the PRB has recommended to council that they approve it but it seems we need to have more discussion this evening.

Donna Anderson

On Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:07 AM Vicki Raymond <[vraymond@cityofgreen.org](mailto:vraymond@cityofgreen.org)> wrote:

Good Morning!

Attached you will find the agenda for the Parks & Recreation Board meeting that will be held via TEAMS on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Please join using the TEAMS meeting invitation link.

Also attached are the draft minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting and the April Parks Update.

## Nichole Messner

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**From:** Mia Rohweder <erohweder@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Council@cityofgreen.org  
**Subject:** Pool Needs that can serve more than community

Dear City Council,

I am not sure if I've ever written to the greater Council about something that would be ambitious but would serve so many and be sustainable going forward. I know that embarking on a community pool has the greatest disadvantage of being unused in the winter and then huge annual maintenance costs annually to keep it running and to a high expectation that all in Green would assume. Those on council don't know me well but in a nut shell, I'm a swim mom. My kids are almost finished with this process but I have lived and visited and had them swim at Pools not only here but also abroad. This is a unique perspective that not many would have and be able to share worldly experiences with you. You might say that a pool is a pool and yet we've swam in a ton of pools. Competition swimming, yes of course but one pool in particular was both competition and recreation and I would love to sit down over a coffee and tell you about this pool.

The pool that I'm talking about is in Luxembourg. I know we can't all hop on a plane and go see it but we can probably google some images for it. The unique part of this pool is, it has slides, it has a zero entry area and it has lanes for lap or competition swimming both length wise (50 meter) and cross wise (25 yards). Not there is a Unit difference in the two lengths and this is important. Competition here is either short course (25 yards) or long course (50 meters). The most special part of this pool is that it has a retractable roof! Yes, a retractable roof! This means that this facility serves multiple purposes both winter and summer and is therefore more sustainable. It also does not experience the HARSH winter weather because it is covered and therefore it does not need as much annual maintenance of that variety. Everyone wants an outdoor pool in the summer but no one would want one in Ohio in the winter. This serves both purposes.

If Green would partner with Green Schools and possibly Akron Area YMCA's (who has been wanting a 50 meter pool in the greater Akron area for years) the pool would also have greater uses as a partnership. Members of the Y would have access. Members of the community could purchase memberships or ad hoc visits. Green Schools could utilize it for competition and also for another athletic course offering.

If built right, it could house both YMCA and Club USA Swimming events that bring in revenue. If built right, it can have all the play areas for community play. If built right, it can have multiple lanes crosswise for great use of the pool as a short course venue for simple lap swimming.

If you google: PIKO ROGANGE LUXEMBOURG Pool or Piscine, you should be able to find information. I would not build a facility exactly like this but modified to provide a tribune for competition seating. If you want to know how it retracts, the one side of the pool has huge concrete steps. The roof slides onto itself in sections and it is like an "L". One whole side of the pool is fixed. The top and other side are like "L" sections attached to tires that move on the steps. Then the end of the building is like sliding doors that slide on tracks into the fixed side of the building.

If Council wanted to talk, I'm here to talk. What a flagship facility it could be for all of Northeast Ohio! It would make a statement and set a bar for all communities around for years to come.

Best to you all,  
Mia Rohweder  
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PS - I am all for bike lanes and trails too...paved.



