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**Subject: Opposition to Ordinance 2020-01**

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In considering your individual votes concerning legislation proposed by Mr. Shaughnessy, I am respectfully asking you to follow the City of Green Long Range Plan and choose courses of action which move our city forward to smartly interconnect trails, parks and neighborhoods/subdivisions for ALL residents of Green to enjoy. It seems to me the usual minority nay-sayers (NIMBY 'not in my backyard) at council meetings are the people who enjoy tax funded/State of OH owned land to be considered their personal sanctuary. Case in point: Our beautiful Nimisila Reservoir whose periphery 20' of coastline actually belongs to ODNR for recreational vessels to make safe landing in emergencies. We use the walking trail at least 3 times a week. We are so grateful the extension that has been added from Main St to Caston Rd to dead end at Christman Rd.

It would be nice if this trail would continue around the entire reservoir. If you travel south on Christman Rd you will notice several homes that have illegally clear cut trees on State of Ohio property (ODNR) to allow them a majestic water view. For proposed trail plans brought before city council for interconnectivity that are on State of Ohio land (*ie: Nimisila Reservoir; managed now by County of Summit Metro Parks*); I don't know why such plans would be up for discussion at the municipal level unless involving City of Green jurisdiction. (*ie: ODNR/ Summit County Metro Parks has legal domain in such cases*).

At any time I have walked the trails (from early morning to dusk) I have never felt threatened or noticed risky behavior. I will tell you the only threat I do feel is when I park at the Christman Rd parking lot (*just south of closed Falcon Lounge*) and have to continue my walk north along the bike lane of Christman Rd to access the trailhead at Caston & Christman, and must jump into the guard rail to evade numerous high speed drivers that do not slow down for pedestrians or cyclists or yield left of center.

My husband grew up in Springfield Pa. Every time we visit he shows me the 26 parks with the trails that children for decades have enjoyed riding and exploring. These trails allow children intermodal access to parks (riding bikes, walking or running) from their homes/neighborhoods. I think connecting our parks is a win-win for ALL citizens of our community and should not be unfairly determined by a very loud and vocal minority of 'NIMBY's that are only ones to show up at Green City Council meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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