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Council Members:

I'm sorry I couldn't attend the council meeting on Monday, but I was informed that \$200,000 in funding for blufflands properties and trails in the CIP budget was at risk of being cut.

Of all the places to make budgetary cuts, please — PLEASE — refrain from cutting these sorts of outdoor recreational "infrastructure development" projects. When we invest in our outdoor rec properties (like the recent trails built beneath Grandad Bluff) not only does our entire community benefit for years/decades, but our area becomes an even more attractive place for people to visit as tourists and relocate to live. I have seen that happen first-hand during the 15+ years I've lived in La Crosse with my wife and family.

Penny-wise, pound-foolish is the applicable term, I hope you'll agree.

Thanks for your attention to this matter, and for your service to our community!

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