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Dear council members,

I moved to La Crosse in 2005 for graduate school. I had NO intention of staying and planned to relocate to a mountain town out west. Likely Colorado or Montana would be where I call home if it weren't for this amazing experience I was fortunate enough to have. During graduate school I became enchanted with La Crosse. The main driver for this was the incredible geography, outdoor activities, and outdoor community that lives here. I kayaked, hiked, ran, and biked in this incredible Driftless area. I was then able to start a family in this community and introduce them to these opportunities right outside our front door. The reason we still stay today are the relationships we have founded in supporting our amazing outdoor recreation sites and trails. As a PA educator I have evangelized countless to continue to stay in the area upon their graduation. I am an unabashed cheerleader for our community. I am writing to express my concern over the removal of the CIP funding for our trails. I think this will greatly reduce the ability to continue to enhance one of the biggest drivers for community engagement, enjoyment, tourism \$\$, and business retention. Please support the COP funding for trails.

Regards,
Thomas Davey, PA-C