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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to seriously consider putting the funding back in place. My husband and I are avid trail users, both in our city of La Crosse as well as throughout the country. When we travel we talk with plenty of folks who, when we tell them where we are from, often times know exactly where we live because of our amazing multi use trails. For some they've been to our beautiful city and for others it's a bucket list item to come to our area to hit up the trails. Without funding our trails will not be able to be maintained to standards and will deteriorate, making them undesirable to use and for people to want to visit our city. In the last few years because of the work that has been done to make the trails more desirable we've been able to see a few bigger trail events spring up in our city. One example, the Hixon 25/50K. This event brings participants from all over to run our trails. This event is bringing in money through stays in our hotels, meals at our restaurants, etc. Another example are the mountain biking programs being offered to our middle school and high school students. These programs offer many life building skills for our adolescent population. These are just 2 examples of the many groups who utilize our trail system. Please think of the bigger picture when you consider eliminating these funds, it's not just the trails being affected.

Best,
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