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**To:** ZZ Council Members  
**Subject:** CIP budget and trail support

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*I am writing to express my concern over the removal of CIP funding for the trails in La Crosse. I come to visit LaCrosse several times a year to use the trail system and am bringing some college friends in October for a long weekend to go hiking and spend time in LaCrosse enjoying the downtown shops and restaurants. Not only do your trails benefit your entire community by allowing your trail users a free option to get outdoors, destress, and enjoy quality time away from electronics, they have a huge impact on your local economy. Your trail systems have so much opportunity to bring in tourists who will spend money at your local shops, hotels, and gas stations. Trails also help attract top talent for your hospitals, universities, corporate businesses, and small businesses and make your community a more attractive place to start new businesses. My husband and I are currently considering purchasing a duplex to use for short and long term rentals and the trails are a major consideration in looking at your area. I am asking you to please support funding for the trails in the CIP.*

*Sincerely,  
Amy Griffith*