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Cc: ZZ Council Members; Odegaard, Jason; Cavadini, Caley
Subject: RE: Grandma's Gateway Trail - response to Haviland questions regarding ORA from Kurt Schroeder

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In response to Mr. Haviland's questions about ORA:

Our organization dates to 2000 and our first work with the City on the Upper Hixon Trails. For the past ten years our hundreds of volunteers, from kids to retirees, hikers to skiers, have contributed 3000-5000 hours annually in volunteer time. Through a long standing partnership with the Wisconsin DNR, we put 8 to 12 people through a week long trail building certification process each year. These certified trail builders lead volunteers in invasive species removal, trail maintenance, property clean up, and trail building. We also hold annual chain saw training by a professional instructor to allow us to remove downed trees across the trails.

ORA will continue to be strongly engaged and working on behalf of the community in raising funds to complete projects that are of benefit to the entire community. ORA has received \$100,000.00 dollars to date for the Gateway and have a commitment from a community member for another \$200,000.00 to complete this project. We look forward to working diligently with the Parks department on the completion of the Gateway project and supporting the long term maintenance of the trails and natural resources that are important to the Community of La Crosse and our wonderful park system.

Thank you,
Kurt Schroeder
President, ORA Trails.

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Dear Mayor,

Attached is another letter regarding more concerns about the proposed trails.