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Dear Park Board Commissioners:

I respectfully request that an agenda item be added to the February 20, 2020, Park Board meeting to discuss creating a comprehensive recreational use plan for La Crosse's Bluffland properties (Hixon Forest, Mathy Quarry, Hass property, and Crown Boulevard property).

I believe that a plan just for Hixon Forest (*Hixon Forest Comprehensive Plan*) was approved in 2005 but is no longer in force and that a separate plan dealing with forestry, *Hixon Forest: Comprehensive Forest Management Plant*, was approved in 2018.

In 2016, a *La Crosse Tribune* article stated,

"La Crosse's parks department hopes to take a step toward developing a 20-year plan for managing Hixon Forest today at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting [*I assume this resulted in the 2018 forestry plan.*]...The city has previously had similar plans, but does not have one right now. *Odegaard also plans to develop a recreational use plan separately, then mesh the two together.*" [Italics mine.]

I think the time for developing a recreational use plan is now, preferably before more recreational development occurs in La Crosse's Bluffland properties. I will present maps, charts, and other data showing the evolution of trails between 2015 and now and will suggest items I think the recreational plan should address.

Thank you for considering my request,



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