

October 10, 2011

634 ½ Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

City of Menasha Common Council &  
Mayor Don Merkes  
140 Main Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

Re: Trail Grant

Dear Common Council & Mayor Merkes,

I am writing to request that you do not reject the \$300,000 grant to complete a connecting segment to our system from the end of Province Terrace (by the new fire station & Natures Way) to the corner of Plank and Oneida where the Friendship trail currently ends. I use all of the trails in the area on a regular basis. The trails in our community are heavily used.

I know that a 20% match will be required by the City, but it is such a worthwhile investment. Here is why:

Trails...

- Have been shown to increase property values of homes located in close proximity to trails. The Valley is a bit slow in realizing this, but it has been proven in other communities around the country and in the state.
- Provide safer, less expensive, alternative transportation for children and adults.
- Encourage fitness and better health.
- Encourage cycling. Cycling currently supports \$924 million in economic activity in Wisconsin and 13,193 jobs.\*\*

- Etc...

I ride my bicycle to work at Jansport as much as possible in the summer and I could not do it without the Friendship Trail and the CB Trail. I love those trails. I worked with the Town of Greenville to secure a grant to extend the CB Trail past the airport and well in to Greenville. The more connectivity we have, the more and more these trails will be used. Please support this project so that the citizens of Menasha can enjoy the connectivity that trails provide to the rest of the community and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Sadie A Schroeder  
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\*\* Figures taken from "Valuing Bicycling's Economic and Health Impacts in Wisconsin" which can be downloaded here:

[http://www.sage.wisc.edu/IGERT/download/bicycling\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.sage.wisc.edu/IGERT/download/bicycling_Final_Report.pdf)