

I am writing to support increases in the County's expenditures to improve and maintain the wonderful system of natural surface multi-use trails. I myself am a cyclist and ride a significant number of the trails in the County. I look forward to a rapid completion of the planned extension of the Powerline trail from Muddy Branch to Cabin John. I hope that the work to improve the Rock Creek North trail to the Agricultural Farm park and to solve the impossible creek crossing will be completed as well. I think the productive partnership that exists between Parks officials, Mid Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE), and trail volunteers is a hallmark of the dedication trail users and Parks officials exhibit in planning and executing improvements and maintenance.

I'm sure Council members are well aware of the benefits this trail system affords County residents. I have little doubt that there are many, many people like myself who looked forward to getting outside as frequently as possible during that scary time from March 2020 through March 2021 when we didn't have vaccines to defend us and were on the upward path towards widespread immunization. Our County's multi-use natural surface trail system is a treasure that reaps countless benefits for residents' physical and mental well-being.