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Subject: Trails Committee input on proposed Hinesburg Center II development
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Dear Mike,

Thank you for meeting with the Hinesburg Trails Committee on June 17, 2015 re the proposed Hinesburg Center II development. We were pleased to see both a Riparian Park and a 20-foot wide town recreation path easement indicated on the plan. Per our discussion and my subsequent conversation with Alex Weinhagen, we recommend that the eastern boundary of the Riparian Park be moved east and upslope far enough to include the path easement, and that the path easement be everywhere east and upslope of the floodway boundary. Our thinking is that a formal path, possibly requiring fill and other improvements, is what will be needed as the village continues to develop. The path should be shown crossing Patrick Brook approximately where there currently is a VAST bridge. Presumably one bridge would suffice for all recreational needs.

As the village develops with more housing and commercial establishments, we believe that the proposed recreation path along the LaPlatte will become ever more needed and popular as a means of moving around in the village. Accordingly we request that the developer construct the path. Perhaps this can fulfill some of the green or open space requirements of the development. The path surface should be sure-pack or some similar surface to accommodate bikes, strollers, and wheel chairs. Proximity to such a path will make the residential lots shown on the plan more desirable to future homeowners.

In order for the future residents of this development and others to access the proposed recreation path, there should be a lane, sidewalk, or path extending more or less east-west from the residential area across the area designated for community gardens.

The proposed vehicle bridge over Patrick Brook must include bike lanes on each side if there will be a sidewalk along only one side.

We'd be happy to meet with you and/or the Development Review Board at the appropriate point in the review process to work out the details of these suggestions.

Regards,

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