



# PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS AND GREENWAYS

Here are the public comments emailed to the Parks Department regarding suggestions for updating the Master Plan for Parks and Greenways. If you want to add your ideas or suggestions for the Master Plan Update, email [Jackie.Jones@nashville.gov](mailto:Jackie.Jones@nashville.gov).

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"I am so appreciative of the Dog Parks that we have, but I think we definitely need more!! These are a great addition to our city! I live in the Antioch area and have to drive quite a distance for my dog to enjoy the facilities. If there could be one closer to Percy Priest, the airport, or Hickory Hollow, it would certainly be used! Please consider additional Dog Parks!"

"Please register my enthusiastic support for Metro Parks establishing mountain bike trails with the new land acquisition of land across the street from Hwy. 100."

"The mountain biking community in middle TN is huge, understand this is not a mass market group, it can be considered fringe or cultish, but I assure you it is HUGE! Sure Hamilton creek is great, but I live in Franklin and we would love something close. I have a bit of history with Warner Park, ran cross-county out there in high school, helped with events, Park Watch, my wife and I are long time supporters of "Friends" and I have taught a number of classes at the Nature Center over the past few years. When the green light was given to construct some trails, I'll be the first to volunteer. However, I am working out of the country for the next few months."

"I have raced competitively for years (road, mountain, multi-sport, AR etc) still training I'll pick up my racing when I get home. Hopefully you receive hundreds of emails just like mine. My racing team, Harpeth Bicycles, just put a message up on our team board, info is getting posted all over town, the response/interest will be over-whelming. Please let me know if you need resources, people, info or volunteers, I'll help you any way possible."

"We just wanted to let you know that we support conserving our woods and wildlife as much as possible in the city. We live in West Meade Park and urge the department to keep up the work of preservation."

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"I want to encourage the department to include mountain bike trails as a part of the parks development and planning. I'm including a study on the impact of mountain bikes on trails. It's great to have as many parks as we do here in the Nashville area and it is my hope that we can expand the usefulness of these resources. Thanks."

"I am a local Mountain Biker who would like to encourage the development of a Mountain Bike Trail in the new acquisition at Warner Parks. Mountain Biking has been shown to be a low impact

activity and trails are maintained by the volunteers and cyclists. Additionally, I believe that the west side of Nashville would benefit from having a trail in the area. Thank you.”

“I live in the West Meade area of Nashville and support wholeheartedly the preservation and expansion of the natural and open areas of the greater Nashville area. My housemate and I are members of the West Meade Conservancy and have joined in the effort to create an easement along the crest of the hills in our area, especially where the old Belle Meade Plantation wall runs, so that no further development can impinge upon the natural beauty of the area. We want to provide protection for the old growth trees, the native azaleas and other wild vegetation, as well as for the many deer, coyotes, turtles, raccoons, hawks, etc. that we have observed in our area. Please do whatever you can to help us preserve these natural treasures! Thank you for your efforts.”

“Please consider mountain bike trails as an additional use at Werner Park. Currently Nashville Metro Parks has only one park which is open to mountain biking. Mountain biking has a low impact on trails, similar to hiking.”

“Please take a moment to consider adding mountain bike trails to the Warner Park Acquisition. Below is a letter from a local mountain biker from Nashville. We all share his thoughts, however, he is more poetic at conveying them.

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"I am writing in support of natural surface trails in the metro parks, specifically Warner Parks. I am from Nashville but live in Knoxville. I have often considered moving back to Nashville, but as an outdoorsman, am concerned about the lack of access to trails in the Nashville area. Providing access to new and existing trails would be a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle for the citizens of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

I grew up volunteering in Warner parks, and would love to continue that effort throughout my adult life as well. I believe that it is important to allow recreational use of trails for mountain biking. The Warner parks are a great asset to Nashville's vibrant neighborhoods. Please consider trail access beyond that of the privileged few who have horses. Thanks for your consideration."

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"Thanks very much for allowing tax payers an opportunity to have at least an opinion on what we need in the area of parks and recreation. I've looked at the web site and I commend the Parks department for the wonderful facilities that are being completed.

I'm the caretaker of the Old Timers Baseball Facility at Shelby Park. Our field plays host to 300+ games each year. We care for the field to Division One college standards and many college games are played in addition to our youth league games. We have done over \$300,000 worth of improvements to the facility in the last nine years thru donations and charitable gifts.

With that being said I'm asking for an audience with anyone who'll listen to discuss another full size baseball field at Shelby Park. We could easily play 300+ games on the second field as well. Metro Parks had more full size baseball fields when I played as a youngster in the 60's than it does currently. And yet the population and the number of teens and young adults playing baseball has increased many times over. Many of our league and tournament games are being played in surrounding counties in order to just have enough fields to complete our schedules. Williamson, Rutherford and other counties have more fields than does Metro Nashville and yet all have a smaller population.

Should anyone at Parks have interest in some of the ideas we have in this area I'd really appreciate the opportunity to elaborate and actually present some drawings and plans. I know there has been discussion for some time about a proposed Baseball facility at the Dell location. While I support that line of thinking I have a plan for one additional field at Shelby that could be

constructed for less money since much of the existing complex could be incorporated into the second Shelby field.”

“I am attending a meeting on bike trails on Thursday and cannot make the community meeting. I would like to offer my whole hearted support for the greenways. I use and enjoy the greenway at McCabe golf course. It is a wonderful addition to our community and makes Nashville a greater city. Greenways and protected areas are an important ingredient for communities that people choose to live in and their presence distinguishes the great cities from the rest. They create better, more caring and involved citizens by providing a common sense of ownership and they relieve the stress of density and congestion. As a member of the West Meade Conservancy, I plan to set aside part of my lot in a conservation easement in a community effort help preserve transition zones of history, wildlife corridors, and natural areas that feeds our spirits. The combined efforts within our community are making a very meaningful difference. Thank you.”

“I live in Long Hunter Chase Subdivision, off Hobson Pike, Antioch. I will not be able to attend the upcoming community meeting but wanted to let you know that I have two small children that I have to take to the park in Smyrna or Franklin to play outside because there is not a good park around us. My husband and I are in charge of our Neighborhood Watch and see many kids playing in the streets to try to find entertainment. It would be great to have a community center for them to go to. Please consider building a nice park around this growing community.”

“It would be great to see some local mountain bike trails. Percy Warner Parks has miles of pre-existing, under utilized horse trails that would be excellent mountain biking trails too. I have heard the argument that bikes and horses cannot share trails and that is bull. I did graduate work at Clemson University for 4 years before moving to Nashville and all of the trails at this land grant university are shared by all users. This includes hikers, bikers and horseback riders. And the trails around Clemson are used by more horseback riders than the trails at Percy Warner.”

“I have lived in Nashville almost 13 years. I hike at Percy and Edwin Warner Parks 3-4 times a month. In my time here I have seen less than 75 horseback riders on the horse trails. That's a total number for 13 years. That's messed up. If these trails were opened to mountain bikers you would easily have that many riders in 1 month if not 1 week.

You might also look to the Tsalali Recreational Area on the shore of Fontana Lake in NC. For at least 15 years this area has allowed mountain bikers and horseback riders to use the same trails simply by alternating the days of the week that each group can ride specific trails. Additionally, there is a fee for using these trails. I think you would find people more than willing to purchase passes to ride trails locally.”

I'm not saying you wouldn't have to have restrictions such as not riding for 24 hours after rain to prevent erosion. Or that you wouldn't have to step up enforcement, at least initially. But what I am saying is that the city of Nashville is inefficiently managing its natural resources while the surrounding areas such as Fairview, Columbia and Gallatin develop mountain biking trail systems to accommodate Nashvillians that must drive upwards of an hour to reach these trails. This is not acceptable.

I also ask that you consider adding mountain bike trails to the new parks of Bells Bend and Beaman Park. Both of these parks have ample room for implementing mountain biking trail systems.”

“It is a real shame that Nashville eliminated off-road biking from Percy and Edwin Warner Parks. While I sometimes enjoy the slow-going challenge of negotiating the rocky terrain and tree root obstacles at Hamilton Creek, those trails require technical skills making them far too advanced and difficult for most Mt. bike riders; they are certainly not appropriate for beginners.

You need look no further than the City of Fairview's Bowie Park & Nature Center in Williamson Co. They allow Mt. bikers and horse-back riders to share the same trail by designating days of the week exclusive for each (See <http://www.fairview-tn.org/bowiepark/geninfo.htm>) I often make the drive to Bowie Park and pay \$2 to ride their 5-mile trail.

I recommend that your office reach out to Nashville area bike shops and organizations like Team Green (<http://www.teamgreenonline.com/>), SORBA (Southern Off-Road Biking Assoc. Mid-Tenn, <http://sorbamidtn.org/>), etc. to solicit their input on this much desired physical recreation opportunity that has been overlooked and underappreciated for too long by Metro. Thank you for this consideration on a topic very dear to many supporters of the Metro Parks and Greenway System.”

“I wanted my voice to be heard in consideration of new park trails to be reviewed. Over the past year I have been riding my mountain bike nearly every weekend. Unfortunately, this is quite a hassle because I have to drive 30-40 minutes on average outside of Nashville to reach mountain bike trails. Please consider putting a system of mountain bike trails in the new park development. We are not allowed to ride on the Horse/Hiking trails in Percy and Edwin Warner parks. Please consider giving us a place to enjoy the fantastic park systems by mountain bike.”

“Mountain Bike Trails!!!! We'd love to have some close-to-town mountain bike trails so that we wouldn't have to drive out to Montgomery Belle or Chickasaw to use their trails. Mountain Biking is an incredible, family-oriented, community-minded activity!”

“I attended the planning meeting at the Edwin Nature Center last Thursday. I'm very excited about the Greenway plans and the work metro has done on the park systems. It makes me feel a little better to know that my tax money is going towards something that will benefit so many. I would like to make a request that you consider adding mountain bike trails to the new land acquisition across Hwy 100. There is a huge mountain bike community in Nashville, and this is one area where the parks are lacking in my opinion. The mountain biking community is very involved and will be glad to completely build any trails using volunteer work. Please consider this as a use for the newly acquired area.”

“Thank you, Parks and Greenways Commission, for all you do to make Nashville more livable and green. Please especially protect the lungs of our city: open spaces, including those wooded areas in West Meade that residents are volunteering to save, to produce oxygen for everyone in our city to breathe, and beauty for everyone in our city to breathe in.”

“I encourage and fully support the development and maintenance of mountain bike trails in any new parks system or new trail system.”

“Please include mountain bike trails in your plan! There are not enough areas around Nashville to enjoy this sport. Thanks!”

“Having heard recent word that the master plan involving the new land acquisition does not include the popular activity of mountain biking, I must request that your office reconsider this aspect of the current plan proposal. To promote safe and enjoyable use of mountain bikes within the park system--be it on this parcel of land or others--certainly the most effective way to accommodate their use is to build the use of such bikes into a park's master plan. As I'm sure your office is aware, use of bikes on the existing trail system still occurs within the other Warner park lands, causing frustration for other users and the cyclists who would like to be able to do so (legally), but refrain.

Having worked for many years with a club in Greensboro, North Carolina that over time has fostered a strong relationship with the parks department, I believe I can say with some knowledge on the matter that illegal trail use went down as cooperation and active participation from the city in trail planning for mountain bike-specific use increased. And from the other direction, given some sense that their recreational needs were being accommodated within the city's parks & recreation planning, the community of cyclists who mountain bike took on an added level of responsibility and attentiveness to the land and trails allowed for their use. I have no doubt at all that if Nashville's Metro Parks & Recreation Department were to extend this type of consideration to the mountain bike community here, that their response would be much the same.

If you would find it helpful, I am happy to give you contact information for people both with the Greensboro Parks & Recreation department, as well as with the Greensboro Velo Club and its main trail advocacy volunteers. Further, as the president and event coordinator for Vanderbilt University Cycling, a club focused on bringing new people into all aspects of the sport, one of my goals has been to demonstrate to the club that cycling is more than simply heading out the door on your bike, but that there is a wide range of activities that help strengthen the cycling culture of

a given area, and that can be equally enjoyable in their own right. With that in mind, I invite you and your office to contact the club that we might figure out some ways that we can help support responsible, fun, and safe riding within the Metro parks system.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter, and hope this letter is of some value in helping your department reassess the feasibility of mountain bike trails in on Metro park lands. Again, I urge inclusion of mountain biking into the Metro Park's master plan--an inclusion that will over the short- and long- run benefit both cyclists and the city of Nashville. Of course, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me through any of the below-listed means; I'm also available by mobile: 336.491.0175. All the best and I look forward to your reply."

"Please, please, please add mountain bike trails to the new land acquisition!"

"I would very much like to see more mountain bike trails in Middle TN. I'm estatic with Long Hunter and Hamilton Creek expanding its trail system, but it would be nice to have something on the Westside, too."

"I have recently heard talk about some proposed new mountain bike trails in the new Warner land acquisition (across Hwy 100). Can you give me more information on that?"

"I would be very interested in seeing new mtn. bike trails in the new Warner land acquisition."

"PLEASE - PLEASE- PLEASE add some Mt. biking trails! We moved here from Portland Oregon last year and have really been enjoying Percy Warner Park. We are there 6 days a week biking or running. The one thing that it is lacking is Mt. Biking trails. Portland has Forest Park - which hosts some of the best in-town biking trails of any city in the U.S. There are also quite a few trails in Forest Park that are off limits to bikes and this is respected (for the most part) because there is a place for Mt. biking. Volunteer work-days provide extra trail maintainance and support. There is also a great trail run in Forest Park that benefits trail building for the park. These are some ways to help get the support needed to create and maintain Mt. biking trails while building respect and stewardship for this land."

"Having Mt. biking in Nashville would really up this cities cool-ness factor!!"

"Please give Nashville a mountain bike trail system in the new Warner land acquisition. My husband and I have been active cyclists in Nashville for over a decade and could get great use out of it. There are currently no legal mountain bike trails in the city limits. All are driving distance away. We have a great bike lane system and could use those to ride from our house to the trails. The Percy Warner hiking trails are a Nashville treasure in our opinion and I think the trails for mountain bikes is what everyone has said for years we're missing. Thank you for your consideration in this matter."

"Please keep mountain bikes off the horse trails and pedestrian trails in Percy Warner Park. If you want to open some of the pedestrian trails in Edwin Warner Park to Mountain Bikes, that would keep the horses and mountain bikes separate. It is just too dangerous to have mountain bikes and horses on the same trails."

"I am writing this to ask that you please consider including mountain bike trails in the new park's master plan, and if at all possible to establish mountain bike trails at Percy Warner and/or Edwin Warner Parks. I am positive that you will discover that the cycling community is both environmentally aware and concerned about taking care of the trails that they ride and enjoy. If you would provide this to our biking community, you would find that the volunteers to construct and maintain the trails would come from those getting to ride. You can look to the examples of Montgomery Bell State Park, Chickasaw Trace in Columbia and Lock 4 in Gallatin just to name a few. I appreciate your consideration of this email request."

"PLEASE include mountain bike trails in the new Warner Park land acquisition, across from Hwy 100. Thanking you in advance."

"The plan looks great. Regarding aesthetics, I would favor a more progressive modern design like the center in East Nashville and definitely not like the McCabe Golf House. Thank you."

"I'm a local cyclist, on and off-road. It was brought to my attention that even though mtn bikers were once going to be considered as a user of the possible new land acquisition, that we are no longer being considered. I think this is very sad news and I would like to voice my opinion in support of reversing this plan. Mtn bikers are currently a very under-served user group in Davidson County. I attended the Metro Parks Planning meeting last week in Warner Parks and was shown clearly how under served we are with all the maps and information given out. We only have one park inside the county to ride and it is not even situated on land owned by the Park system, (corp. land). We have been driven out of Warner Park and continue to be forgotten in future Parks planning."

"I urge Parks to consider us, not just as a local user group, but also as a very large nationwide group. Mtn bikers are used to driving long distance to ride trails they like. By having more trails in Davidson County, riders will travel 2-4 hours easily to ride it, and while doing so will bring in a lot of revenue. This revenue will go to local restaurants, gas stations, bike shops, and possible trail fees. Riders will be willing to pay a daily or yearly fee to ride in Warner Parks or any other great trail system."

Shared use trails between horse riders, walkers and bikers are currently implemented in many locations and are worked beautifully. I do not feel this idea has been fully considered in Warner Parks. Mtn Bikers as a group also bring an immense amount of volunteer trail work and trail building to the table. We have organizations already in place such as IMBA: International Mtn Bike Association, and SORBA: Southern Off-road Biking Association. If we were allotted a land area, building trail would not require much money at all with all the volunteer labor we provide. After building trail, we would also not discriminate and would offer the trails to other users as part of a shared use plan. We as a group are not inclusive and try our best to be true advocates for the sport and for the preservation of land. Please look into the Tsali trail system as a great example of a shared use trail. Horseback riders and bikers ride on alternating days. There is also a daily trail fee of \$3 that is paid by thousands of users."

"Please I would like to know our voice is being heard and our needs as a large user group in Davidson County are being considered. We are an under served group and I hope with all the efforts of Parks to better serve the county we will be able to be included."

"I am an everyday cyclist (weather permitting) in Old Hickory. I just wanted to give a vote for creating new mountain biking trails on some of the new land area. I would certainly be willing to volunteer to help maintain these trails and create these trails, like we have at Hamilton Creek Park. Thanks for your time and consideration."

"I've recently learned of your plans to expand the Warner Park system. I would like to encourage you to consider the development of a multi-use trail system to be shared with mountain bikes. Although mountain biking is becoming more popular each year, available trails are still limited in our area. Mountain biking provides a healthy and exciting alternative for family and friends to socialize and experience nature. Please consider this during your expansion planning for the Warner Park system."

"Please add/include mountain bike trails to the new Warner Park addition."

"I would like to know why there are no plans for any mountain bike trails in Metro's master plan. The trails at Hamilton Creek are sorely overused and new trails would encourage more people to discover this fun sport, which is an excellent source of personal fitness. If Metro is serious about being bicycle and pedestrian friendly, I would expect more opportunities to make it easy for people to use their bicycles, on road and off."

Metro has the land (e.g. Warner Parks for example), and there is very little investment required to create trails. If Metro has money to build bridges across the Cumberland, nature centers, and golf courses, why not invest pennies on the dollar for mountain bike trails?

Has a study ever been done to count the number of users at Hamilton Creek? I would be willing to wager that the dollars spent there per use are far less than many other Metro Parks projects. Furthermore, there are federal dollars available to fund new trail projects. Metro only has to make the opportunity available for advocacy groups like SORBA and IMBA to obtain the funds and provide the labor for trail creation and maintenance. They cannot ask for funds to build trails if the land is not made available.

All Metro has to do is set aside a small parcel of land (smaller than a golf course) and give the mountain biking community the green light to build trails.

Given that such a small investment is required, the availability of land, the fitness benefits of an active sport, and the presence of a large biking community in Nashville, why not allow mountain bikers to enjoy their sport?"

"Please include mountain bike trails in the McCabe and master plan. I feel that this would be a big add to Nashville. Thanks for your consideration."

"I just wanted to let you know that I think there is nothing more needed than trails for mountain bikers in and around Nashville. I was born and raised in Nashville, but now reside in Chattanooga with my wife. One of the major reasons we choose Chattanooga was the accessibility to trails for mountain biking. SORBA continues to do a great job with TVA and all areas that have shown interest in supplying quality trail systems for outdoor enthusiasts. I visit Nashville regularly for work and to see family and would love to see the addition to quality trails accessible to mountain bikers. Thanks."

"Greetings. I am an 11 year resident of Bellevue and love my new home (including the greater Nashville area). One the true pleasures I enjoy is access to the great Metro Parks system. In fact, I use a park for either running, biking, or hiking at least 3x per week. Thanks for all you do."

"Although I realize you have many constituents to please, I would like to request you place trails high on your list for the newly acquired property on hwy 100 (across from Edwin Warner). Specifically, running and mountain biking trails. As you know, our area has grown and cycling on the public roads has become extremely dangerous and potentially a thing of the past (unless you ride between 10pm and 4am). As always, thanks for your hardwork and dedication."

"My family and I have enjoyed the park system for as long as we've lived in Nashville. We have beautiful and well maintained green space in this area, and for that we are very grateful! As oil prices increase and Global Warming is of increasing concern, we are looking for options to hopping in the car, specifically, we would love for walking or riding a bicycle a short distance to be a safe option. Currently, the sidewalks and bike routes that exist often end abruptly. While considering the Master Plan, please give some thought to giving cyclists safe access to our roadways. Thank you."

"I'm writing to ask that mountain bike trails be considered for the new Warner Parks acquisition. The volunteer base that the mountain bike community provides has had a proven track record of excellent trail building, stewardship, and maintenance that all trail users benefit from. Additionally, in a county of over a half a million people, with over 100 listed parks, only one park is open to mountain biking. The Warner Park addition is, geographically, an area that would benefit those living in the west side of the city immensely. I understand there are many user groups and land issues that must be considered when planning for a park addition, but I graciously request that the benefits, both for the park and its users, be kept in mind when making those plans."

"If I could have a moment of your time, I'd like to express my interest in the McCabe/Warner Parks part of Metro's Master Plan. With the growing diversity of recreational activities around the Nashville area, I am most concerned with the way that mountain bikers are perceived in regard to park areas and how access to those areas restrict use of them. Contrary to a minority opinion, mountain bikers are respectful, dedicated, organized and conscientious individuals who ask for very little but are forced to give up all too much. I would humbly ask that Metro please consider not alienating these individuals which have proven to be an integral part of its recreational support community. When weighing input/feedback regarding the development of this area and others like it in Davidson County, please consider allowing mountain bikers access to those areas. Thank you for your precious time and attention to this matter."

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“I would appreciate it if you could include mountain bike trails in the Warner master plan. The Percy and Edwin parks do not allow off-road riding and the addition of MTB specific trail in the new Warner land acquisition (across Hwy 100) would be great. In order me to ride off road I currently have to drive quite a distance. I enjoy riding off road and the ability it affords to see nature closer and quicker than having to hike in or walk. Thank you in advance for your consideration.”

“I'm writing to ask that mountain bike trails be considered for the new Warner Parks acquisition. The volunteer base that the mountain bike community provides has had a proven track record of excellent trail building, stewardship, and maintenance that all trail users benefit from. I know I, and those I ride with, are responsible and try to teach new comers the proper educate. Additionally, in a county of over a half a million people, with over 100 listed parks, only one park is open to mountain biking. The Warner Park addition is, geographically, an area that would benefit those living in the west side of the city immensely. I have been mountain biking since 1993 and have had to travel many miles in order to participate in the sport. A closer local trail would be incredibly helpful, especially with raising gas prices. I understand there are many user groups and land issues that must be considered when planning for a park addition, but I graciously request that the benefits, both for the park and its users, be kept in mind when making those plans.”

“Mountain bike trails would be a great idea for this park addition. Not only would it be something everyone could enjoy, but I'm sure the Nashville mountain bike community would rally together enough volunteers to cut the trails with out costing the city a dime. I see that as a win-win situation. Thank you for reading.”

“I have been hiking and walking trails in the parks, particularly those in western Davidson County, for nearly 35 years of my 62 years. Many of the major decisions in my life were formulated there. All of the people of the area are blessed to have major urban park land as well as superb smaller parks available to them.

For the record, I spoke in favor of closing Otter Creek Road through Radnor Lake Park as a real estate developer. I have donated to Friends of Radnor. There is a bench there from my family honoring the memory of my late sister Betty Lou Sisco Taylor. In other words, I sincerely care about the parks and their responsible use.

In recent years, I have noticed the under utilization of the "non-pedestrian" trails I call them, or some say horse trails, etc. in Warner Parks. Rarely have I seen a horse.

I believe it is time to include mountain bikers in the plans of the parks of Metro wherever possible, but especially in Warner Parks. I am sure it can be planned and implemented without infringing on the walkers or the riders! Thank you for considering my input.”

“We have been informed by the West Mead Conservancy (WMC) that the Metro Parks and Greenways Commission wants community input about the direction it needs to take for the future. One of the initiatives called for in the P & G's Master Plan is the protection of natural areas and the expansion of "open space. I am living in West Mead, and I am active in the WNC, and as you know part of our mission is to preserve the woods in the area and among others, the old wall of the West Mead Mansion.

This wall starts right at Jocelyn Hills and my partner and I and some other neighbors have maintained a trail from there to and along the old wall. The wall runs through and along some of the Cargile property for sale. The question arose whether it would be possible to purchase part of the Cargile property, to preserve the still partially intact wall and the forested area around it. If the lots on Jocelyn Hills towards the south would be sold, the access to the wall would be gone forever, a new access road would have to be built and with it a geological sensitive area disturbed.

Opposite, if some properties for sale through which the wall runs could be purchased, and a park could be established this would be a boost for the conservation efforts of the WMC as also a large area of woods, partially old growth, would be preserved and would increase the open space close to the Percy Warner and Edwin Warner Parks forever.

The WMC cannot own property, so another organization would need to step in with an initiative of ownership. As the financial issues are concerned, it is my belief that if a project like a park would be established, many owners and members of the WMC and the West Mead neighborhood association would be ready and pay into a fund to make a purchase possible. Thanks for your attention."

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"New plans look great! Hopefully we can get some bike trails as well, that would be fantastic! Thanks so much and have a great week!"

"I ride mountain bikes for exercise and would ask you to consider mountain bike trails in this newly aquired land. I live in Franklin and the nearest mountain bike trails are between 45 minutes - to one hour away. Mountain biking is a great form of exercise, and attracts a very eco-friendly group of enthusiasts. It would be great to have a place to ride near my home, and I believe it would also be another selling point for our community. If you are interested in more information on the mountain biking community in nashville please visit; <http://www.nationalmountainbike.com/board/forumdisplay.php?f=5> This is a message board and information hub for local riders. You may also contact me directly if you wish. Thanks for your consideration."

"I attended the Sidewalk and Bikeway meeting but was unable to attend a Parks and Greenway meeting. Hopefully, it is not too late to submit the following comments:

1. Metro Parks and Public Works need to work together to connect the sidewalk and bikeway system with the greenway system. The potential of all these facilities will only be realized when they have seamless connections. Some examples are:

- Richland Greenway does not connect to the McCabe Community Center and the sidewalks and bike lanes on Murphy Rd. A crosswalk is needed at Murphy and 46th so people can access the community center and ballfields and hopefully a future extension of the greenway. I know this is difficult due to the golf club.
- The Brookmeade Greenway ends at Charlotte Pk. where a very short sidewalk segment is needed to connect to the Davidson Rd. Intersection with traffic light. A crosswalk is then needed to connect to the existing sidewalk on Davidson Rd. It would also be nice to fill in the missing segments of sidewalk on Charlotte to connect to the continuous sidewalk on Cabot Rd.
- The trailheads at Shelby Bottoms such as Forrest Green, Cooper Creek, Airpark, etc. should have bike route signs directing people from existing bikeways on Porter and Riverside to Shelby Bottoms.
- The Stones River Terminus at Percy Priest Dam needs to connect to Bell Rd. Public Works intends to add bike lanes to this road. Both agency should look into whether extending the greenway or adding bike lanes to a short segment of Stewarts Ferry Pk. would make more sense."

2. I would also like to propose that the Richland Greenway be extended along Post Rd. to Percy Warner Park. The greenway would continue along Hwy 100 on park property and connect with the existing greenway recently built at Edwin Warner Park. I realize that this entire corridor is not immediately feasible for a greenway due to land availability and topography, but it should be in the master plan should opportunities present themselves.

3. Finally, I would like to suggest that the recent acquisition of land for Percy Warner Park be studied for mountain bike use. Hiking, equestrian activities, road cycling, golf, and team sports are well represented by the Warner Park system. Mountain biking is very underserved in this area.”

“I’m a runner, and I wanted to let you know that I love the greenways in Nashville. I live in Madison, so I’m looking forward to the opening of the pedestrian bridge over the Cumberland because it will connect two of the greenways that I frequently run on. Once the Stone’s River greenway is continuous all the way to Percy Priest Dam, the Dam-to-Downtown stretch will be world-class awesome!”

“For the new developments, I’d love to see more dirt trails (not asphalt) if possible. I’m sensitive to the need for accessible paths (i.e., for wheelchair access), but Nashville currently has a far greater proportion of paved trails than non-paved trails. I’d love to see some new, non-paved trails strictly for runners. Thanks.”

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“Mountain bike trails would be a great idea for this park addition. Not only would it be something everyone could enjoy, but I’m sure the Nashville mountain bike community would rally together enough volunteers to cut the trails with out costing the city a dime. I see that as a win-win situation.”

“Please continue to provide and sustain natural areas along the Richland Creek Watershed. And add to natural environment in our area.”