

September 8, 2015

Brian Kischnick, City Manager  
City of Troy  
500 W. Big Beaver Rd  
Troy, Michigan 48084

Reference: Connecting to the Clinton River Trail from Troy City Hall

Dear Mr. Kischnick,

How exciting to learn that our city has a definite plan for a Trail/Pathway which will connect us to other southeast Michigan recreational trails, such as the nearby Clinton River Trail!

I'm sending you my feedback directly because I feel very strong about improving Troy's overall walkability and bikeability scores.

Given that one of your top ten goals for the City of Troy is to improve overall 'Walkability', I am hoping that you will engineer the trail to include connectivity to more points of interest and commercial enterprises within Troy. For example, from the Clinton River Trail my husband and I can frequent Auburn Hills / Pontiac / Rochester Hills restaurants, cafes, markets, doctors, dentists, educational, historic landmarks and parks.

Moreover 'Walkability' scoring is not just about recreation, it also includes ones' ability to accomplish daily errands without a car. Improving walkability is a vital part of creating a sustainable future for Troy. People of all ages want to live in communities that provide easy connection to amenities, employment, and to each other. Well-connected walkable communities are not only beneficial to citizens, but can also deliver real economic rewards to businesses and local governments.

I am optimistic that we can surpass the efforts being undertaken by Auburn Hills and other nearby cities and rocket City of Troy to become the top ranked walkable city in Michigan!

Sincerely,



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