

RE: Support for Mountain Bike Trails at Quarry Park

Dear Commissioner [Name] and Stearns County Parks Officials,

I am writing to you today as a community member and a strong supporter of the Mid MN Cycling Club (MMCC) to express my support for the development of mountain bike trails at Quarry Park.

The vision for mountain biking in Quarry Park is not a recent development; it is a long-standing community goal that was first included in the park's Master Plan back in 1995. Over the last several years, that vision has evolved into a highly organized, community-driven effort. Since February 2020, Stearns County Parks and MMCC have worked in partnership to explore viable, sustainable mountain bike options that respect the park's natural beauty and serenity.

We are appreciative of the Board's decision in July 2024 to advance the project for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant application, even amidst tight funding. While we narrowly missed securing the grant in December 2024, the feedback provided a clear and constructive roadmap for success: improving our mapping, addressing multi-use trail crossings, and formally updating the Master Plan.

Thanks to the Commissioners' subsequent approval in July 2025 to update the Master Plan, this project is in a stronger position than ever before. As of early 2026, MMCC and Stearns County Park officials have been working together to execute these updates, finalize new maps, and gather essential public input to ensure the trails serve everyone safely and responsibly.

The community's demand for this project is undeniable. This was clearly highlighted in the survey data shared at the public open house on March 11th, 2026.

Adding purpose-built mountain bike trails will enhance Quarry Park's reputation as a premier regional destination, promote healthy outdoor recreation, and provide an invaluable asset for residents and small businesses across Central Minnesota.

I respectfully urge you to continue your support for the current Master Plan updates and to champion the construction of the Quarry Park mountain bike trails.

Thank you for your time, your service to Stearns County, and your ongoing commitment to our local parks.

Sincerely,

[Your Name] [Your Address] [Your Phone Number/Email]