

INDIAN SPRINGS TO STONY CREEK METROPARK COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY



Would You Use the Proposed Route?



32% Yes for Walking



92% Yes for Biking

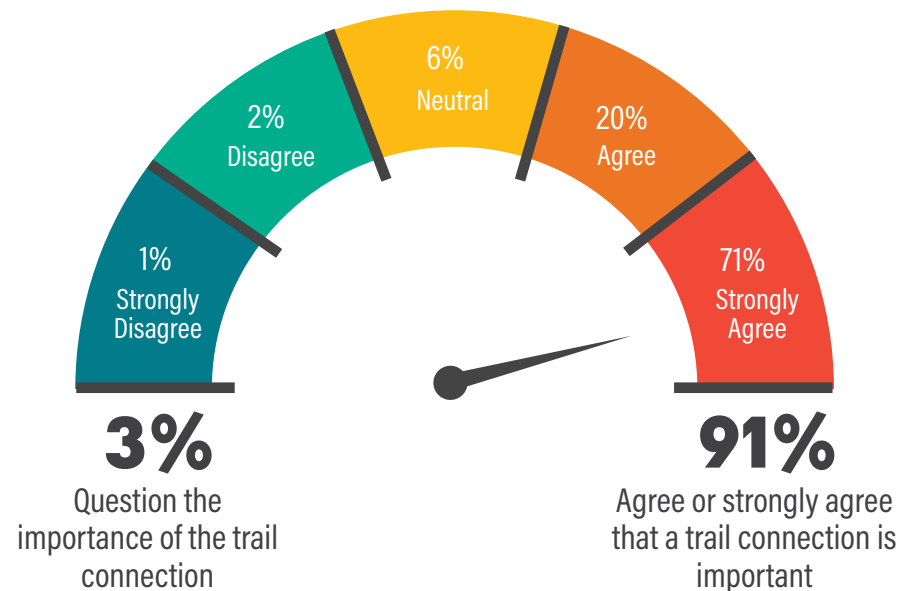


17% Yes for Running



10% Yes for Other
Horseback Riding, E-bikes,
Onewheel, Rollerblades, Dog
Walking, Skiing, Snow Shoeing,
Geocaching, Bikepacking

It Is Important to Provide a Trail Connection
Between Indian Springs and Stony Creek
Metropark.



This document provides a summary of the feedback gathered through an online survey conducted in the months of September and October 2023.

What do you **LIKE** about the **Proposed Route**:



Safety and Trail Connectivity: People value the fact that the route utilizes existing trails and safety paths, appreciating pathways that keep them away from busy roadways. They also highly value the ability to connect to parks and provide safe access to Stony Creek Metropark.

Convenient Access: Individuals like that the route connects to downtown areas, restaurants, and shops, providing easy access for both recreational use and daily activities. Stops near parks, restroom access, and amenities add to the convenience.

Scenic Beauty and Rural Routes:

Respondents enjoy the opportunity for nature watching and the scenic rural areas the route offers. The northern route traverses less populated areas, which is appealing to those who prefer a quieter, less congested path. They also appreciate that the route includes roads with relatively light car usage compared to routes further south.

What do you **DISLIKE** about the **Proposed Route**:



Road Crossing and Traffic Safety Concerns:

Participants expressed road crossing concerns, especially along Clarkston Road due to heavy traffic. Numerous respondents emphasized the need for safety measures, including separation from vehicular traffic and clearly marked pathways. Additionally, there were concerns about riding on roads or sidewalks alongside traffic, with mentions of issues such as noise, hazards, safety, and proximity to driveways.

Connectivity: Some users find the proposed route too far north, not servicing the City of Pontiac and leading to detours for westward travel. They suggest better connectivity with other trail systems, such as the Clinton River Trail and Pontiac Lake State Park. Some users wish for a connected loop trail that links to other nearby trails.

Route Location and Proximity to Nature:

Concerns were voiced about the proposed route's proximity to busy traffic areas and urban development. Some express the desire for a more nature-oriented route, away from the road.

Tell us anything else you feel is **Important**:



Connectivity and Accessibility:

Respondents emphasized the need for safe and convenient trail access for local communities. They want to reach the trails without the need to drive their cars and transport their bikes. Additionally, respondents highlighted the significance of having amenities along the route, including restrooms, benches, trash cans, water fountains, and signage.

Surface Type and Maintenance: Respondents shared preferences for trail surfaces, with many favoring paved routes, while others suggested the use of crushed stone. Paved trails were seen as safer and more accessible. The importance of maintenance was also emphasized.

Varied Trail Users & Equestrian Inclusion:

Need to accommodate a diverse range of trail users, including cyclists, walkers, runners, and those using electric personal mobility devices. Equestrians seek recognition and inclusion in the trail plans.

CONNECTING YOUR METROPARKS WITH TRAILS

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Regional Trail Connectivity Study

