

KENSINGTON TO INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY



Would You Use the Proposed Route?



39% Yes for Walking



88% Yes for Biking

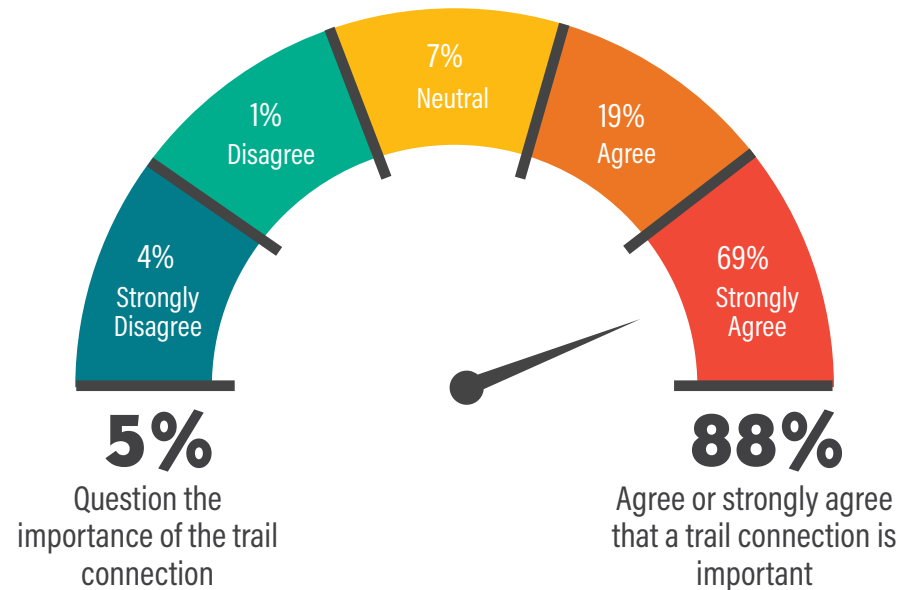


20% Yes for Running



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

It Is Important to Provide a Trail Connection
Between Kensington and Indian Springs
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:**



Safe and Scenic Pathways: The route uses existing trails and side roads, providing a safe and scenic pathway for biking, hiking, and other outdoor activities. It provides opportunities to explore new areas safely.

Park Connectivity and Access: It connects multiple parks and recreation areas and makes it easier to access downtown areas and amenities like shopping centers (e.g., Meijer) along the way, enhancing convenience for users.

Safety and Traffic Reduction: People value the safety aspects of the proposed route, keeping them away from busy roads and traffic while promoting healthier, more active lifestyles.

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



Safety and Traffic Conditions: Many express safety concerns when sharing roads with vehicles, crossing major roadways like M-59, and navigating busy streets like Duck Lake, Commerce Road, and Teggerdine.

Minimize Road Travel: Respondents generally prefer routes that minimize road usage, citing potential hazards and reduced enjoyment when traveling along roads.

Nature Preservation and Security: Disapproval of the idea of disturbing natural areas and wetlands with the trail is expressed, along with concerns about the impact on wildlife, littering, potential harm to private property, and an increased potential for security risks.

Connections to Other Trails and Parks: There is a strong desire for the proposed trail to connect with existing trails, parks, and recreation areas, including the Village of Highland, Skyline trail, and Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

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



Safety and Separation from Roads: Emphasis on dedicated bike trails for safety.

Trail Access and Connectivity: Many respondents are enthusiastic about the idea of connecting parks and expanding the trail network. Requests for trails providing access to parks, libraries, and continuous paths through the region. Desired amenities include restrooms, benches, and water stations.

Restrictions and Regulations: Accommodating diverse trail users, including e-bikes and equestrians. Concerns about rule enforcement for safety.

Year-Round Access and Maintenance: Several respondents emphasize the need for well-maintained trails, which includes year-round access and routine upkeep, including snow removal and the incorporation of winter activities like cross-country skiing.

CONNECTING YOUR METROPARKS WITH TRAILS

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Regional Trail Connectivity Study

