

To Planning and Development Committee,

My wife and I are long time mountain bikers at the West Hartford MDC. It's our only get away after long commutes and long work hours. CT is losing more and more open land for us to enjoy because of legal concerns so please don't let this unfortunate lawsuit close the MDC or other lands. Supporting these bills would help with this issue.

However, as I was reading the bills I do not see biking included. Mountain biking is a growing sport...several high schools are now forming clubs get kids out and exercising. We also help the DEP with trail maintenance at many CT state parks! On any given Sat/Sunday a decent amount of the people at the West Hartford MDC are bikers. I hope you can add "mountain biking" to the above bills.

Thank you for your time!

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