

As a hiker, road bicycler and mountain biker, I understand these bills are a step in the right direction. However, I urge you to include "bicycling" and "mountain biking" in the explicitly listed "Recreational purposes".

The definition of "Recreational Purposes" perhaps could read:

(4) "Recreational purpose" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: Hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, snow skiing, ice skating, sledding, hang gliding, sport parachuting, hot air ballooning and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites.

It is vitally important that recreational use is maintained particularly given the great need for folks to get outside reconnected with nature not to mention getting physically active to overcome obesity in young and old alike.

Connecticut law is deficient in protecting municipalities from allowing healthy recreation on their properties as exhibited by the 2010 verdict made against the Metropolitan District Commission. I urged the Committee to support these bills with the recommended changes to include bicycling and mountain biking.

Thanks you for your time,

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