

An Act Concerning the Air Line Trail

Submitted to the Environment Committee

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I am especially interested in the extension of the Airline trail through Portland since I am an avid birder and a long-distance runner. Rail/trails are some of the very best locations for both of these activities, and I really would like to see such a trail nearer to Middletown. I can assure you that many of my compatriots in both the birding and running worlds in and around Middletown would welcome the addition of an easily accessible trail in Portland which would someday connect to the current trail in East Hampton.

It is truly a treat to be able to walk or run for distances in nature without having to deal with cars and traffic. In the summer the trails are one of the only places where one can exercise on predominantly shaded paths—hard to find in Middletown.

Please support the effort to renew the Airline right of way in Portland. It would be a great asset to Portland and the surrounding towns.

Thank you.