



South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways
c/o South Windsor Parks & Recreation Department
91 Ayers Road, South Windsor, CT 06074



February 6, 2023

Dear Community Member,

South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways, a sub-committee of the town's Park and Recreation Commission, is seeking your assistance regarding the construction of the South Windsor Crosstown Trail. We are applying for federal and state grants and our chances of winning a grant increase when we can demonstrate that we have local, regional, and state endorsement for this project. Please consider sending a letter of support for this trail to accompany our grant applications.

The 6.2-mile multi-use, recreational trail will run through South Windsor following the Eversource power lines corridor. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) designated this section of the corridor as a CT Greenway on June 2, 2017. The trail will allow safe south-north travel across our town for all pedestrian and non-motorized forms of transportation. The southern terminus will connect to the Charter Oak Greenway, the East Coast Greenway, and the future Central Connecticut Loop Trail. The northern end will continue into the northeast corner of South Windsor, where it could connect to the farming communities of Ellington and East Windsor. The design of the trail is now complete. Construction will be in three phases beginning with the central portion running from Wapping Park to Nevers Park.

Developing a trail system of this scale will serve thousands of trail users by connecting our local communities to the natural environment and to our diverse economic centers, through physical activity. Additionally, we're confident that the quality of life along the trail and throughout the region would be enhanced by lower automobile congestion, less air pollution, and healthier lifestyle for region's residents.

Again, South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways is asking for your help with this project. Please send your letter acknowledging your support of this worthwhile project for the Town of South Windsor to Molly Keays, Director of Parks & Recreation, at Molly.keays@southwindsor-ct.gov by **Friday, February 17, 2023**. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Sincerely,

South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways and the South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department