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I am submitting this letter on behalf of Roger Parr, President of the Friends of Donald Park Board of Directors. Please forward to Parks Commission members prior to the January 22nd meeting. Thank you.

Jean Warrior  
Board Member

To: Dane County Parks Commission  
From: Friends of Donald Park Board  
Re: Support for Proposed Donald Park Multi-use Trail plan  
1/9/25

Dear Members of the Dane County Parks Commission,

The Board of Directors of The Friends of Donald Park wish to offer our support of the Multi-Use Trail Plan for Donald Park prepared by the planning team at Dane County Parks Department, led by Lindsay Koehnke. Consideration of the plan is on the agenda for your upcoming meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. After review and discussion, we support the proposed plan for the following reasons:

- the plan is the product of years of consultation, collaboration and discussion between Friends members and the planning team from Dane County Parks
- the plan balances the needs and interests of various user groups
- the plan will allow all users to access and enjoy the beautiful new land in the SW corner of the park acquired by the county several years ago
- the plan creates desirable multi-use trail connections while minimizing construction of new trails
- the plan consolidates and realigns existing trails in a sensible way, balancing the recreational desires of users with property management/preservation needs such as maintaining firebreaks, reducing erosion and protecting valuable and sensitive natural plant species

The Friends of Donald Park Board members commend the planning team for their care and thoroughness in seeking input from stakeholders and urge the Parks Commission to adopt the proposed plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Parr, President FODP