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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *Mary D. Lindgren*

*Mohamed Elnabarawy*



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● Battle Creek Rd  
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*Anta Miller*  
*Don White*

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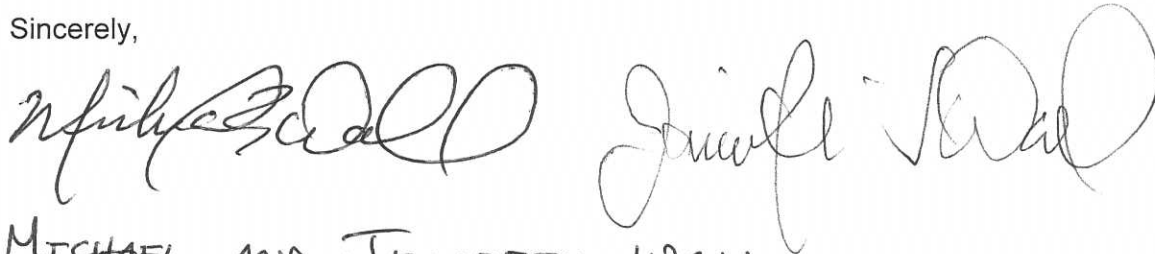
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MICHAEL AND JENNIFER WALL  
8 BATTLE CREEK RD

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Myhli Her and my property is located at 10 Battle Creek Road. I am writing to you in regards to the, "Battle Creek Road Reconstruction (2017)" project. I would like to express my concerns and opinions in regards to this reconstruction. I strongly feel that the preliminary lay out of the project does not benefit me or any of my neighbors and therefore would like to plead against this project. I would like to consider three objections against this plan.

The first of the three objections deals with the fact that the neighborhood consists of less than 20 houses with the rest being owned by the county park. The road is quite different from any other road in Saint Paul. Roughly 60% of the road is surrounded by the county park. The east side of the road has approximately 4 residential houses while the west side has approximately 14 residential houses. With such a small amount of residential homes throughout this road, I feel that the idea of funding this project through these homes alone is not justifiable due to such a large assessment. In addition, this neighborhood has the reputation of being close to nature due to the fact that it resides next to the county park and with the addition of this plan it further hinders the value that the neighborhood takes much pride in.

The second objection deals with the fact that this project only insists on reconstructing half of the road. The fact that the project is considering additions of curbs and a sidewalk to only half of the road and discontinuing it throughout the rest of the road seems fragmentary for me. I believe that with this outcome it negatively impacts the image of the neighborhood and therefore should be reevaluated. The possibility of finishing the whole road for this project is also a problem. The area that the county park owns has a steep downhill slope that includes a drainage system. The drainage system makes it difficult for the project to continue throughout the road and therefore causes the notion to not continue the project towards the slope. I believe that if a project were to be completed, it should be completed and finished for the whole road. Therefore, failure to complete construction throughout the whole road will only create a negative impact to the image of the neighborhood.

The third and final objection deals with the fact that there is no purpose for this construction due to lack of use. I have resided at this address for the last three years and have noticed that there is not much traffic that comes through this road. The addition of the sidewalks may not have much use due to the lack of foot traffic that comes through this road on a daily basis. If this project's main plan is to create more foot traffic, I believe that it will hurt the image and the overall feel of the neighborhood, which is to preserve and embrace nature.

**In conclusion, in order to preserve the feel and image of this neighborhood I ask that the city council strongly considers the options of other low cost solutions.**

Thank you for your time and considerations

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