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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Cc: Donny Ramer
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on RAL Trail (pedestrian/no motorized trail connecting Golf Course Rd and Marcus St)

Commissioners,

I am writing this email to strongly urge you to approve the permit for the RAL Trail, which will connect Golf Course Road to Marcus Street and provide a safe way for pedestrians, bikers and other non motorized users to access downtown Hamilton, Hamilton High School, Daly Elementary and the Arbors subdivision. In addition to it being a beginning of a network of trails connecting our community, this project is being built in honor of Robert Leonardi. The trail begins very near to where he took his final breath and is a wonderful way to remember him and to honor both Robert and his family.

My family has been helping with the building of the trail--we've pounded fence posts, raked trail, moved rocks, moved large quantities of dirt, and done whatever needed to be done. Each time we have helped, my husband, my son (age 8) and I have remarked on what an amazing community we live in and what an amazing project this is. The path was dreamed up by the landowners and has been actualized by the landowners, the Leonardi family, nearby neighbors, and the community. Many people have worked countless hours to turn this idea into a reality. This project really exemplifies how we can come together to support one another and to create something for the good of all.

During this time of so much divisiveness, I urge you to approve this permit as a way to bring our community together, celebrate Robert, and create safe ways to connect us all.

Thank you,
Brittany McKenzie

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