

March 30, 2021

Dear County Council Board,

As you consider the capital and operating budgets over the next few weeks, I urge you to support the Parks Department budget.

I understand that there are many competing priorities and that the County is facing fiscal challenges. However, this past year has demonstrated the importance of parks to the mental, physical and emotional well-being of our residents. Parks provide a safe and healthy escape during difficult times, and it is more important than ever that the Parks Department has adequate staff and resources. This relatively small amount of funding will go a long way towards funding **natural surface trails** for mountain biking, trail running and hiking.

Please support the Parks Department!

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