PUBLIC COMMENT SIGNUP SHEET

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Good Morning. My name is Nancy McClung. I am a Henderson county resident and I appreciate this opportunity to voice my support for connected Greenways. I have enjoyed using the Oklawaha Trail and appreciate the connection between Patton and Jackson Parks. I am very excited about the \$700,000 grant from the state DOT to help pay for the 7,400 foot extension from Patton Park to Berkeley Park along Mud Creek.

Greenways attract Tourism, facilitate Urban Redevelopment, bring

new and expanding Businesses with Job creation, and are the 2nd most desirable amenity affecting house purchase decisions. Signs on the Swamp Rabbit advertise residential communities with trail access.

photos of advertisements on the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

in addition to this photo, similar adds / signs were present with the following logo's on it:

- 1. "Like cycling on the swamp rabbit? You'll LOVE living on it."
- 2. "Like running on the swamp rabbit? You'll LOVE living on it."



Greenways create Health Care savings.

I have been a Physical Therapist for 30 years. Exercise is critical for maintaining health throughout our life span. Studies have shown that the #1 most effective treatment for ALL medical conditions is EXERCISE.

A Lincoln Nebraska 2004 cost benefit analysis of physical activity using bike/pedestrian trails found for every \$1 investment in trails for physical activity led to \$2.94 direct medical benefit.

A vital component of the 2009 Blue Zone initiative in Albert Lea, MN was the construction of trails. After only one year, they found an increase in average life expectancy of 2.9 years, an average weight loss of two pounds for participating residents, City employees showed a 40% decrease in health care costs, and there was a 20% reduction in absenteeism for key employers.

2011 Ludlam Trail case study found that the community medical cost savings would be between \$1.68 million and \$2.25 million annually.

Published in Jan 2012, Bert Marshall of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma stated "Seventy-five percent of today's health care dollar is spent on the treatment of chronic illnesses such as obesity." This study found participants of its Fitness Program, who worked out at least three times a week, reduced their medical costs by an average of 44 percent, which resulted in \$1,020,000 savings in medical expenses.

I had not been on a bike in over 20 years, but The Swamp Rabbit Trail renewed my love for this recreation and I ride it often. I would love to see our community reap the health and economic benefits of a future Ecusta Trail.

Thank you.