



## PUBLIC COMMENT



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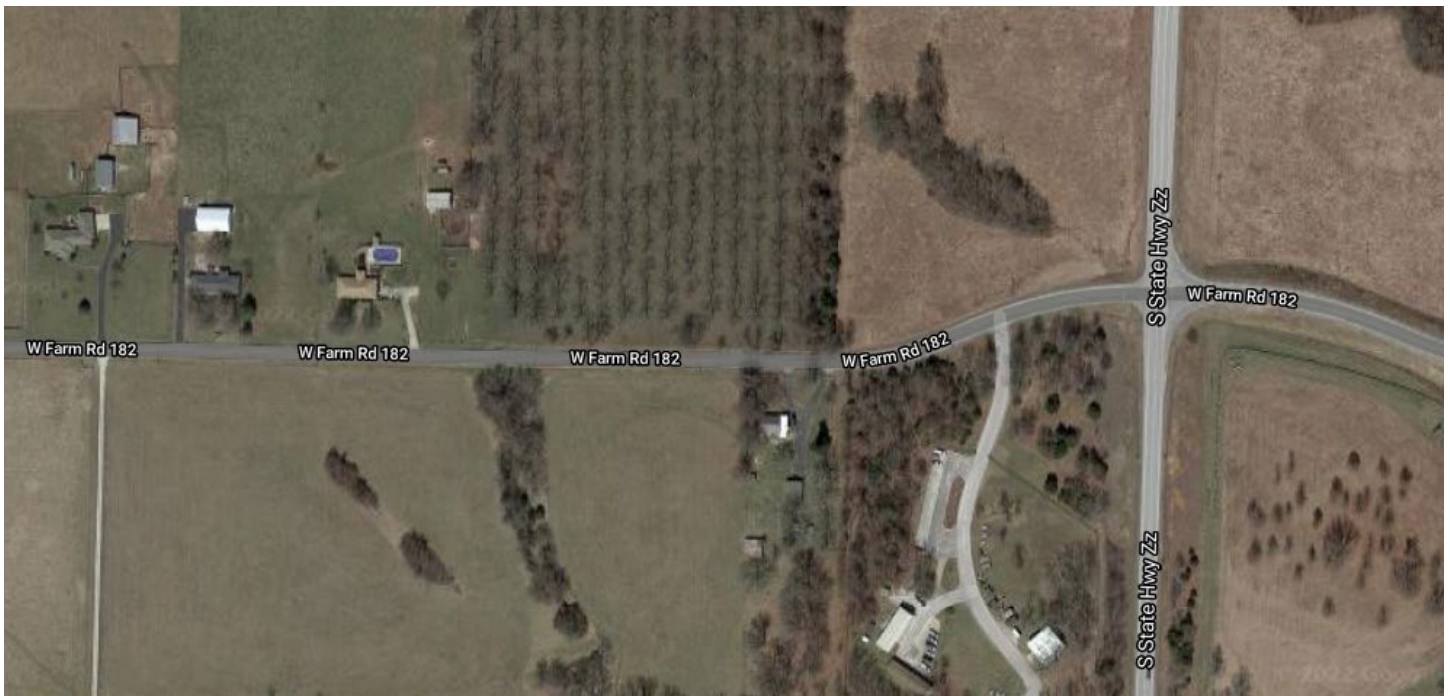
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### Comment

Please see attached comment packet.

### Map



## Nicole Stokes

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**From:** Lisa Roller <rollerbug68@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** Nicole Stokes  
**Subject:** Trail  
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Nicole hi it's Lisa roller if you could print this statement from me to give to the committee as well as the letter that I wrote to The Republic committee and the newspaper article that I sent you and the other information what I wanted to say an ad is that the bike trail is going to be in the front yard of a lot of us Farmers out here and it's going to be about 30 ft from my front bedroom window which is totally against any privacy and also wanting to take down 2 mature trees that were planted for our mother 50yrs ago and one from highschool from a brother I mean if we wanted bikes and ect. we would live inside the city limits we live out here on a farm for a reason we just put in our forever pool or forever hot tub our bar I mean I don't want a bunch of children and people looking in my yard especially my bedroom window so I think it's just very I don't know poor decision planning on the part of whoever's taking care of this trail you can read comments from others we have the petition that I believe Mike submitted to you guys we've been to every committee meeting and it seems like we're hitting a brick wall and I've contacted Josh holley's office they've gotten back to me I've contacted Burleson up in the state senate and Jeff City they are working on a bill 1044 now to get it back up on the table to get voted on about taking private property for recreational use they can put this trail down Hines road they're already planning on sidewalks I don't know why they don't forget about the sidewalks put the bike trail in where the park is and the kids are it'd be more accessible and usable over on that road I appreciate your time thank you the rollers

**The following letter was read to the City of  
Republic. It is included for reference.**

Hello. My name is Lisa Roller, and I'm here tonight to discuss the proposed bike trail.

You have proposed to put in place a ten foot bike trail across multiple private properties including farmland and in the front and back yards of multiple homes. This trail would be practically in my front door, and in the front doors of other homeowners involved. In my opinion, the taking of private property for a bike trail is thievery and a total lack of concern for the rights of the people. You are willing to steal our birthrights to put in your pet project.

You are not protecting the rights and concerns of everyone involved that all stand to lose something in this process. You applied for and received a grant without ever notifying the people most affected by this trail until almost two years later. This would be a trail that is recreational and is absolutely not necessary.

I believe your vision is not for the people of Republic, whether inside or outside the city limits. It seems like it is just to put a feather in your cap. When you say the people want this, we know of many people--both inside and outside the city limits--(many who have much to lose) absolutely do NOT want this trail! This trail seems like the way to get your foot in the door for your larger plan. Recently I was made privy to the fact that you have plans to annex Farm Rd 182 into the city of Republic after the trail goes in, which is against everything we stand for. City Council members, it sounds like if we give you an inch, you intend to take a mile. Your plans will greatly destroy our way of life and most definitely our privacy. We live out in the country for a reason. Where would this leave our hunting rights, our private wells and septic systems, our propane use, etc? This bike trail and the road widening that would surely follow annexation would be the beginning of the destruction of our whole way of life.

I do like way you begin your meetings with the pledge of allegiance and the prayer. It shows that you still have a belief in "one nation under God". But after that's over, for the Council, it's business as usual with no regard to anyone's cares or concerns.

In closing, I want all of you who are involved in this trail process and the vote to take away people's private property to ask yourself a question: Would Jesus turn over your tables and call you "sons and daughters of iniquity"?

Thank you for your time.

January 21, 2022

Dear Property Owner:

You are invited to attend the second public meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 concerning the Shuyler Creek Trail Extension Project. After the first public meeting, all comments were taken into consideration, and we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress to date. The hearing will directly follow the City Council meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Republic Community Center, 711 E Miller Road, Republic, MO 65738.

At this public meeting we will display the latest version of the trail alignment and you will have the opportunity to discuss with Council Members, City Staff and Project Engineers. You will also have the opportunity to document your comments. The Notice of Open-House Public Hearing is enclosed to help familiarize you with this project.

In addition, project information will be available for viewing online. Proposed trail exhibits will be updated on the website, the day of the public meeting. All material from the public hearing will be available online at:

<https://www.republicmo.com/713/Shuyler-Creek-Trail-Expansion>

We understand transportation and access is important to the residents in this area and I will be glad to answer any questions you might have about this project or other matters. If you are not able to attend this meeting and would like additional information, please feel free to contact either one of us below.

Sincerely,

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## Shuyler Creek Trail may extend to battlefield

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*Nearby landowners unhappy that trail could potentially cut through their property south of Republic*

Shuyler Creek Trail is currently a three-quarters-of-a-mile walking and biking trail in Republic, but the city has plans to make it much longer. A proposed project, the Shuyler Creek Trail Expansion, will extend the trail about 1.6 miles to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

Shown is a map of the proposed Shuyler Creek Trail Expansion.

### A description of the project

The project's tentative plans, the details of which are still being decided, call for extending the trail from its current ending point—a loop about 1,000 feet east of Oakwood Avenue—southeast towards Elm Street and then continue on the north side of Elm Street to Farm Road 99. A pedestrian crossing will be installed at Farm Road 99, and from there, the trail will continue on the south side of Farm Road 182 up until just west of State Highway ZZ.

"We expect to proceed with construction in May 2023," said Allyssa Dudley, public information officer for the city of Republic. "The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.7 million, with \$1.36 million in federal funding provided via the MoDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant, and approximately \$340,000 matched with local funding."

While the construction stops just short of Highway ZZ, Dudley said that "the Missouri Department of Transportation is making intersection improvements that will connect the Shuyler Creek Trail expansion to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield."

Dudley also said the project would give Republic residents a new opportunity for recreation.

"The Shuyler Creek Trail expansion is going to be a great way for families and those looking for outdoor recreation to walk, run, or cycle to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield," she said.

### Landowner objects to proposed trail crossing her property

Not everyone is happy with the proposed expansion, however. Several landowners, who stand to be affected by the extension, have spoken against the project at recent Republic City Council meetings.

Among those, Lisa Roller, said the expansion would create an easement on the farm that has been in her husband's family since 1956, and would not only force them to move gates and fencing, but also remove two mature tulip trees, one of which was planted by her later mother-in-law over 50 years ago, another of which was planted by his brother.

Roller also said the proposed trail would violate her and her husband's privacy.

"The trail will be 30 feet from my front door," she said. "If I wanted to have kids and bikes (outside) my front door, I would have lived inside city limits. We are retired (and) just put in our forever pool, hot tub and bar. Are we supposed to feel uncomfortable in our own yard?"

Roller added that she had been to city council meetings to protest the proposed expansion, but felt like her concerns were not being taken seriously, so she reached out to other elected officials, including U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, U.S. Congressman Billy Long and Missouri Representative Bishop Davidson, whom she said had all gotten back with her.

"We go to all the city council meetings at Republic's Police Department every other Tuesday," she said, and it seems to me that we go, we say our piece, (and the reaction is) like a pat on the back (and) 'Get it off your chest.' We're getting nowhere, so that's why I called my city, county and state representatives, all the way up to Josh Hawley's office, (and) I have received phone calls back from all of them."

During recent city council meetings, Republic Mayor Matt Russell and Public Works Director Andrew Nelson have offered to meet with the group of citizens outside of the official proceedings to discuss the matter further.

Outside of Republic city limits, Dudley said, obtaining the land where the trail is expected to be placed will fall to the county.

"Greene County will negotiate the acquisition of the right of way outside city limits, with the funding provided

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through the federal grant and local match," she said. "The city and county will work together to install plans for maintenance and upkeep for this portion of the trail."

More information on the project can be found online at [www.republicmo.com/713/Shuyler-Creek-Trail-Expansion](http://www.republicmo.com/713/Shuyler-Creek-Trail-Expansion).

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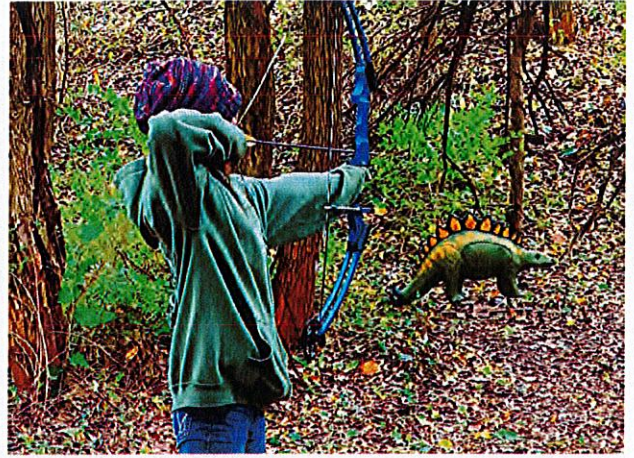
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## 2022 Goals & Objectives

- Our #1 goal each and every year is to carry out the three main components of our mission statement. We will make every attempt to provide MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES through PROGRESSIVE THINKING and EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE in all that we do.
- Continue our focus on Connection by extending gratitude and remain committed to community involvement and building/strengthening our relationships.
- Formalize timeline and communication plan for ballot initiatives in 2022 for the continuance of sales taxes dedicated



local non-profit events, music and arts in the park.

- Formalize plan to expand the J.R. Martin Park holiday lighting display in coordination with the boulevard project to create



to park operations and park capital improvement projects.

- Begin the initial design phase for the new 136-acre parcel of park land as well as planning and design for other future park capital improvement projects.
- Design and construct a new boulevard within J.R. Martin Park by Fall 2022 to include a 50-60 ft. wide path with vendor space on either side, decorative lighting, electrical hook-ups, and unique décor and features. Space to be used for a walk-through holiday lighting display, farmer's markets,

a unique and interactive walk-through experience. Plans include additional lighting of all varieties, photo stations, music, and special event nights at the park.

- Continue to add program opportunities for the Jurassic Quest Archery Range and work towards creating additional adventure-themed experiences within Brookline Park.
- Assist the BUILDS Department with the Shuyler Creek Trail extension project to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.