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Subject: Warm Springs Preserve - potential "neighborhood connection" bridge construction at Broadway Blvd./Creekbend Court
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To whom it may concern:

First and foremost, my family and I are fully supportive of the community effort (and city leadership) it has taken to create the Warm Springs Preserve. It has been wonderful to see this come to fruition. We were early advocates and financial contributors for its creation. We enjoy walking our dog in Preserve and are thrilled it will now be available for all generations to come.

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed "neighborhood connection" bridge across Warm Springs Creek where Broadway Boulevard dead ends at Creekbend Court. This is not a good location for a bridge on many levels but especially because it would bring substantial congestion to a very narrow dead-end street where there is already very limited parking for residents and their guests. The increased traffic would be overwhelming for the Broadway Boulevard neighborhood and would degrade its quality of life. Broadway Blvd. is a constricted and curving road which passes through a neighborhood inhabited by families with small children. Our property abuts the location of the proposed "neighborhood bridge" so we are more than familiar with existing public use occurring during the summer of the right of way foot trail. While we welcome the enjoyment of Warm Springs Creek by valley families, the quantity of summer visitors already causes parking issues on many days in the neighborhood. The construction of a bridge, and possible attraction of many more year around visitors, would be untenable and unfair to those of us who have lived on Broadway Blvd. for many years and chose to live here due to its serenity.

Increased Broadway Blvd. traffic, parking, and access problems that would be created by the proposed "neighborhood connection" bridge would be exacerbated in the winter when the road becomes further constricted with snow berms (the dead-end section of Broadway Blvd. often is reduced to a single lane during the winter), resulting in no room whatsoever for parking or even the turning around of cars in the Broadway Blvd. cul-de-sac.

Our situation is analogous to the former Proctor Mountain trailhead access on Fairway Road in Sun Valley. That trail access was also adjacent to a cul-de-sac where trail parking was mostly restricted along the uninhabited hillside. After many years of various issues associated with hiker parking, the city prohibited street parking. Our situation is made more concerning in that all the lots but one on the dead-end section of Broadway Blvd. leading up to the proposed "neighborhood connection" bridge access have single family homes built on them. I would also wager that Fairways Road in Sun Valley has more part time residents than the Broadway Blvd. neighborhood.

In my opinion, the "neighborhood connection" bridge is a bad idea in a bad location. Just a few minutes away is the main entrance to the Preserve where there will be substantial parking, trail access, and other infrastructure. Please do not approve construction of the "neighborhood connection" bridge.

Respectfully yours,

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February 15th, 2023

Dear Warm Springs Preserve Stakeholders,

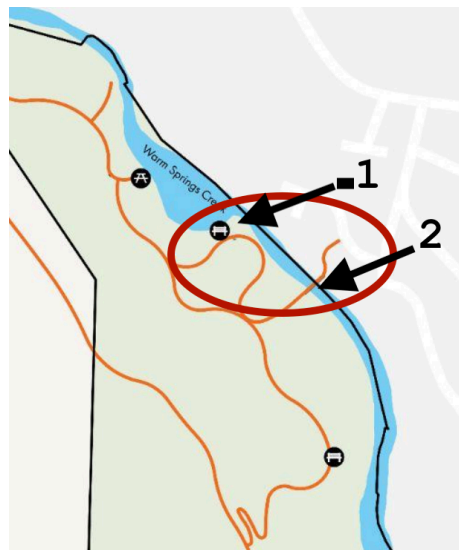
We are writing to convey our support of the Warm Springs Preserve Project. As an overall asset to the community we are proud of the City of Ketchum's efforts to spearhead the park. After reviewing the slide deck following the February 14th public meeting, we would like to express our concerns over the following few elements:

South Floodplain Loop Bench and Access Loop Trail (#1)

Both the depicted bench and small loop trail circled are located in the riparian zone as depicted in the City of Ketchum deck. It is our opinion that this area should remain untouched and be allowed to return to its natural riparian state.

South Floodplain Bridge (#2)

This access bridge could be a disaster. The few parking spaces that exist are already maxed from April-October due to the existing fisherman's access point. The high density housing and very limited parking issues are amplified by a no-turn-around, dead-end, private street. Emergency services are already hard pressed to access the end of Broadway. The bridge would create a hazardous situation for over 15 Broadway property owners located northwest of the intersection of Exhibition and Broadway.



We formally ask that 1) the location of the circled bench and small loop access be reviewed and relocated out of the riparian zone and 2) the bridge access (#2) be removed from the master plan. Again, we thank you for your efforts to restore the community asset; we would like to support the park in perpetuity once the property reflects the highest safety and environmentally sound outcomes.

With warm regards,

Natalie & Steven