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**From:** thall@alberthallassociates.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Warm Springs Preserve Access Points

We are writing to express our opposition to what we understand is a proposed additional bridge access to the Warm Springs Preserve across Warm Springs Creek at the public access located on Broadway Court in Ketchum. The ingress to that access point is via Broadway Blvd which is a street that ends in a cul-de-sac with no outlet. Broadway Court, where access to the bridge would be located is a private street, also with no outlet.

During peak summer months the street is already highly congested by the combination of home owners accessing their residences and by non-residents accessing the area on foot, bikes or by vehicle for the purpose of fishing and swimming in a popular summer swimming location just upstream from the public access point. Adding a bridge at that location would bring an additional group of people to the neighborhood to access the trail across the creek and thereby exacerbate an already stressed situation in terms of public circulation and parking.

When vehicles are parked in the cut-de-sac, they often park on private property and access resident's driveways and lawns to make the U-turn required to exit out of the neighborhood. During winter months there is little room for snow plows to service the street and during heavy snow years, the street is often reduced to one lane for months at a time. Plows, trash trucks and emergency vehicles are all hampered in serving the neighborhood year-round due to the lack of adequate circulation. Vehicles larger than a passenger car have to make multi-point turns to reverse direction even when there are no cars parked in the cul-de-sac or along the edges of the street.

Additionally, during the winter, because of inadequate snow storage areas, plow drivers are not able to open the street to two lanes and because Broadway Court is a private road, that does not present an option for additional snow storage. This results in a rapidly narrowing of the street and numerous blind corners for drivers to negotiate due to the height of the snow on the sides of the street.

Recently, residents adjacent to the area have had to deal with individuals accessing the area with an illegal bridge/plank placed across the creek. This has resulted in late at night and early morning disturbances with individuals engaging in activities that disturb the peace and in some instances could be dangerous to others such as target practice using bow and arrow and sling with rocks. Building a bridge that would facilitate crossing the creek safely in the dark would make this already bad situation worse. Even during daylight hours, to invite additional visitors to the area to cross a bridge into the preserve would have substantial, adverse impacts on the neighborhood and on public health and safety. This is not necessary, particularly when the main entrance to the preserve is only a three minute drive from the location at Broadway Court and few more minutes walking distance.

For the reasons described above, I would strongly recommend against the proposed bridge location at Broadway Court and locate additional cross-creek access elsewhere, if it is truly needed at all. Given that there is ample public access to the proposed parking lot location for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, it would be best to direct the flow of traffic over Warm Springs Creek at that location, even if it requires a few more parking spaces than currently proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** ritchey.craig@dorsey.com  
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**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Warm Springs Preserve--No on "neighborhood bridge"

First of all, we would like to say what a wonderful idea it has been to create Warm Springs Preserve. Bravo and well done!! We were early supporters and financial contributors to its creation. It represents Ketchum at its best.

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed "neighborhood bridge" across warm Springs Creek where Broadway Boulevard dead ends. This is not a good location for a bridge because it would bring substantial additional traffic to this dead end spot where there is no parking; and the increased traffic would overwhelm the Broadway Boulevard neighborhood. Broadway Blvd. is a narrow and curving road through a neighborhood inhabited by families with small children. We live a few hundred feet from the proposed location of the "neighborhood bridge." We are acutely aware of the curvy and narrow nature of Broadway Blvd (20 mph speed limit), the absence of any significant street parking, and how the road dead ends right at the proposed location of the proposed bridge. Building the "neighborhood bridge" as proposed would have a significant adverse impact on the health and safety and substantially diminish the quality of life of the residents of neighborhood.

All of the traffic, parking, and access problems created by the "neighborhood bridge" would only be even greater in the winter when the roads would become further narrowed, and there would be no room whatsoever for parking or even turning cars around at the end of Broadway Blvd. . There is already a shortage of places to put snow from clearing the roads in the winter.

The proposed neighborhood bridge would NOT significantly create better access to the Preserve. There is already foot/trail access to Warm Springs Creek at the location proposed for the bridge. Moreover, just a few minutes away is the main entrance to the Preserve where there will be substantial parking, trail access, and other infrastructure.

The "neighborhood bridge" is a bad idea in a bad location---- Please do not approve the "neighborhood bridge."

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Warm Springs Preserve Committee

From: Susan McGuigan, member of WSPC

Date: September 12, 2022

Re: Impacts of Dogs on Natural Areas—Bullet Points for Discussion

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide some bullet points from my review of scientific journals which discuss the public health considerations associated with off-leash dog parks, an important issue for discussion with members of the Warm Springs Preserve Committee. Several members of the committee asked me to summarize my research by preparing bullet points for committee discussion. A summary of my research is set forth below, and I have provided links to some of the articles I reviewed.

1). Off leash dog parks can be a benefit for a local community as they encourage physical and social health for the dog owners, and can provide a community connectedness. One of the goals of the WSP committee is to help the City of Ketchum find strategies to enhance the benefits of an off-leash dog park while minimizing the environmental harm to the Warm Springs Preserve.

2). Environmental harm can occur from off-leash dog parks. Dog waste can make fisheries susceptible to contamination from disease causing bacteria and parasites. Giardia, E. coli, and salmonella are found in dog feces and can promote algae growth and producing ammonia as the waste decays, harmful to water quality, fish and humans.

3) Dog waste enters the stream from several ways. The dogs themselves who enter the stream can cause deposits with even a small amount on their tails, and pet waste that is not picked up by dog owners reaches the waterways through storm runoff.

4). The federal Environmental Protection Agency lists dog

waste as a non-point source of pollution defining it as similar to oils, toxic chemicals and acid drainage from mines. One gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. One hundred dogs can produce more than 500 pounds of waste per week. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality identifies pet waste as a significant contributor to E. coli bacteria in its Willamette River watershed, and contact with E.coli polluted water can make people sick.

5). The EPA Best Practices Manual states that the design of dog parks should be sited out of streams, drainageways, and steep slopes to control the input of dog waste on receiving water.

6). The presence of dogs causes a displacement of wildlife and may prevent wildlife from normal feeding and breeding activities. A California study of birds found that the birds were disturbed once every 27 minutes on weekend by off-leash dogs.

7). In making decisions on the master plan for the Warm Springs Preserve, the City of Ketchum will be guided by its zoning code which states that it is a “goal of the city to protect and enhance vital natural resources”. (City of Ketchum Zoning Code 17.18.170). In the floodplain area along the Warm Springs Creek, the city’s code requires that there be no negative impact “on the development of aquatic life or water quality upstream, downstream or across the stream.” (17.88.040). Protection of the water quality of Warm Springs Creek is safeguarded in the City’s zoning regulations which state that the “Big Wood River and its tributaries and their associated flood plains in Ketchum are important to the well-being of our citizens as they provide recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetic beauty...”. (17.88.040).

8). There are solutions to the success of off-leash dog parks where success is measured by balancing the benefits of the park while minimizing the adverse environmental impact. Some strategies suggested by the articles reviewed include a) fencing of the area to keep the dogs out of the waterways, and to prevent a conflict of off-leash dogs and other park users; b) providing clearly visible rules of acceptable behavior in the park; c) education of dog owners about the impact of their dog’s waste on the environment; d) providing multiple dog waste bag stations, with preferably biodegradable bags; e) providing hand

sanitizer; f) periodic monitoring of soil conditions for the presence of harmful bacteria; and e) providing animal control officers for enforcement. The Warm Springs Preserve Committee can likely come up with even more solutions to help guide the City of Ketchum in its master planning process for the Warm Springs Preserve.

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