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**From:** Dan McMahon <danmcmahon99x@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Proposed Upper trail route from City Cr to Sandy Beach

This proposed trail was mentioned in the 6/13/24 edition of the Pilot. It had previously been mentioned about a year ago in the Pilot as a futuristic possibility. This proposed trail segment is meant to be the upper part of a loop trail using the City Creek beach trail as the lower portion with the Frederick Pt road running between the lower and upper segments.

I'm not in favor of the upper portion mainly because I'm a bowhunter and the location of this upper trail cuts right through the heart of some of the best and easiest accessible deer hunting ground for certified archers in Petersburg. The archery only hunting area on Mitkof and the regulations that govern hunting within it were created because of the overabundance of deer near town. If a trail is built it will just serve as more sanctuary for deer near town since most hunters will avoid hunting near hikers.

There is already a loop trail in place. The City Creek Beach trail and the Frederick Pt road have served as a loop trail for years. Instead of building a redundant parallel trail I suggest maintaining the trails you already have. Examples include the Eagles Roost beach stairway and the boardwalk from the elementary school to the ball field. How about putting some funding into Papkes?

Quite possibly this is an issue that may not come before the Assembly during your tenure. However, if it does, think of the value of the borough owned lots that are getting bisected with trails. Please don't just rubber stamp every trail proposal that PIA comes up with. They may appear to be free but they don't all make sense.

Respectfully

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