

Attn: Planning Commission

I received a letter in the mail concerning a neighbor's wall built along the trail behind the Brookfield Development and would like to express my thoughts.

My family lives at 7333 168th Cir. NW, 2 houses away from the Seamans. Our family walks the trail often and is so thankful for the city providing trails and parks in our community.

As far as the wall in question goes, our family believes it made perfect sense this family built a wall. Our yard has a much smaller slope toward the trail and we're currently struggling with a washed out back yard. We've added dirt and grass and still have interesting divots where water drains from toward the street through our yard and across the trail. Feel free to come take a look. We can't even imagine what would happen if we were dealing with a greater slope.

It's also interesting to my husband, Joe, and I that our "yard" doesn't go all the way to the trail. When purchasing this house we understood the protected wetland to begin across the trail. It's likely this just wasn't clear to us, but would have been extremely helpful to know upon the purchase.

Our experience of the Seaman family are that they keep a well kept home and lawn. We were thrilled to see their project underway as this has kept debris from sliding onto the trail. When we walk the trail, there are many yards that provide such debris which is not our favorite when our kids are riding hoverboards, bikes and/or rollerblades and slip and fall.

I'm hopeful your team will consider their attempt at solving a messy problem with some great landscaping as the obvious conclusion from any great, level-headed Ramsey resident.

Thank you for taking time to read this...and thank you for working hard on behalf of our great city.

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