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Property Owner Name: Katty Marisol Madalin

Property Address: 14723 Bowers Dr. NW, Ramsey

Survey Question

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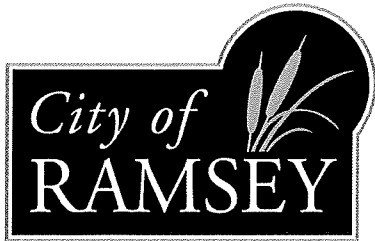
YES, I support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

So many new people that will
transit thru here and we don't know if
they are good.
We loved the neighborhood privacy.

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Property Owner Name: John & Brandi Fves

Property Address: 14630 BOWERS DR NW Ramsey MN 55303

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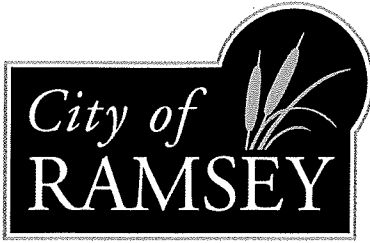
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Property Owner Name:

JON LUECK

Property Address:

1460 BOWERS DRIVE

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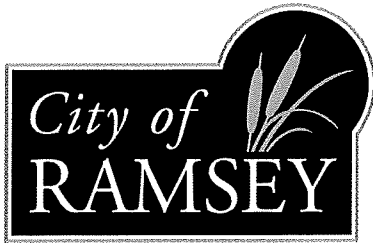
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Comments:

THERE IS NO REASON TO CONNECT THESE NEIGHBORHOODS
OUR STREET IS NARROW AND GETS PLENTY OF WALKERS AND BIKES NOW
WHICH IS GREAT BUT IT CAN'T HANDLE ANYMORE. IF THEY WANT TO WALK
OR LOAD ON BIKES, TAKE THE PATH PROVIDED ALREADY JUST LIKE WE DO
IF WE WANT TO GO ELSEWHERE. THE PATH IS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY AND
NOT DESIRED.

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Property Owner Name: Diana Schansberg & Steve Bucholz

Property Address: 14310 Bowers Dr Ramsey

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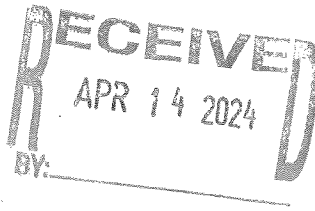
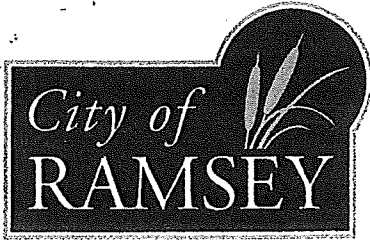
NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

Bowers Drive has no sidewalks or walking paths so that all traffic - cars, trucks, school buses, garbage trucks, delivery vehicles, bicycles, 4 wheelers, trikes, kids, teens, adults, dogs uses this street. We do not need more traffic coming from the development which will eventually add up to about 142 new single family homes and be a huge safety concerns for anyone using Bowers Drive. We moved here for the beautiful shady street and quiet neighborhood (and safe) and want to keep it this way. There are also sometimes cars + trucks parked on the street

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*That everyone has to manoeuvre around,
It is our mission to work together to responsibly grow our community, and to provide quality, cost-effective and efficient government services.*



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Property Owner Name: Conner, Soligny

Property Address: 14235 BOWERS DRIVE NW 55303 RAMSEY

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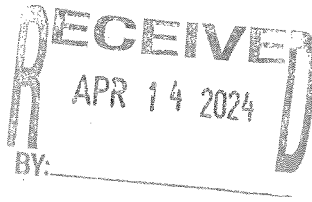
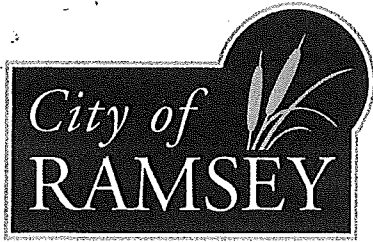
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Comments:

Not sure who or why this was proposed, but I am the last house on the left near the end of the cul-de-sac and I can tell you first hand that providing more access to back here will only result in criminal activities. 9/10 I see people parking their cars back there, using the edge of my property, doing illegal things in their car... because it's secluded and private. I do not want an uptick in illegal activities near my home. There is no reason to connect them... We literally have no walking path... Please return in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope by March 15, 2024. Yet we find

IT SMART TO GET MORE FOOT TRAFFIC?
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Property Owner Name: Diane, Olson

Property Address: 14513 Bowers Dr. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

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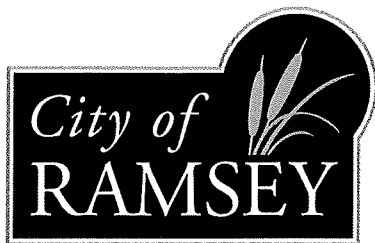
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Comments:

Residents of Bowers Drive and of the new Capstone development already have access to walking in each other's neighborhoods along the paths on Riverdale Drive. Is there really so much extra money lying around Ramsey City Hall that we need to spend it on an unwanted and unneeded 10-foot wide trail? Part of what makes Bowers Dr. such a great place to live is that it is somewhat secluded. Please allow us to keep it that way.

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Property Owner Name: Jamey McPheeters

Property Address: 14420 Bowers Dr NW

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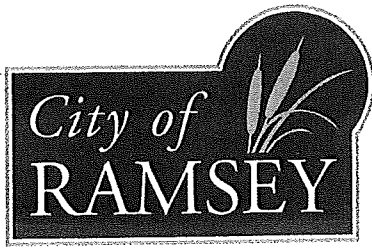
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NO!
As mentioned, we just vetoed this recently and haven't changed our minds. We enjoy our seclusion.
P.S. where's our Hwy 10 acceleration lane?

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Property Owner Name: Terry and Jane Luke

Property Address: 14250 Bowers Dr, Ramsey

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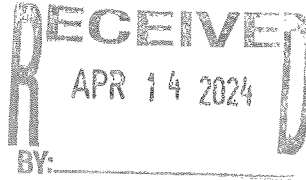
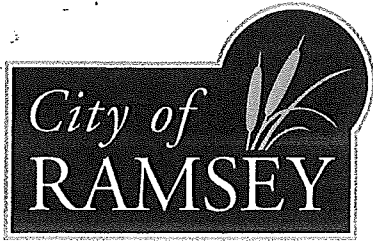
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We are not in favor of a walk-way joining Bowers Drive with Riverstone South.

Our concern is that there aren't really any amenities on Bowers Drive for the Riverstone residents to use. However, there is the draw of the Mississippi River and since there is no public access to the river, this opens the possibility of persons trespassing on the private property of the homeowners on the river side of Bowers Drive.



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 Property Address: 14200 Bowers Dr. NW

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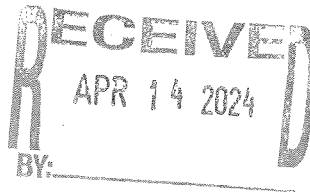
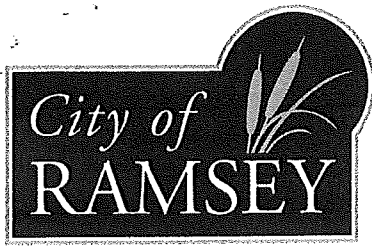
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Comments:

I am on the cul de sac and am dismayed and concerned that I have NOT been receiving any notifications such as the Nov 29 "Pavement overlay improvement letter" and now this survey letter. We don't want more bicycles and dog walkers. Maybe you could use some of your funding to repair paths at North Fork and along Mississippi West Park?

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Property Owner Name: Laurel A. Anderson
Property Address: 14440 Bowers, Dr

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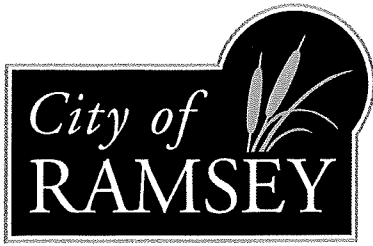
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Is the reason for the 10 foot wide path really so that it can = soon become a ROAD? At the very least just put a 3-4 ft walking path.

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Property Owner Name: Richard and Patricia Sandeen

Property Address: 14826 BOWERS DR NW RAMSEY MN 55303

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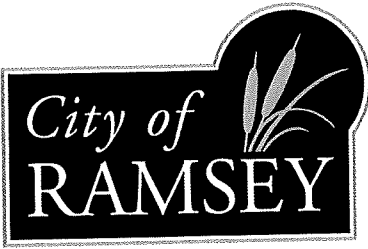
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Property Address: 14750 Bowers Drive

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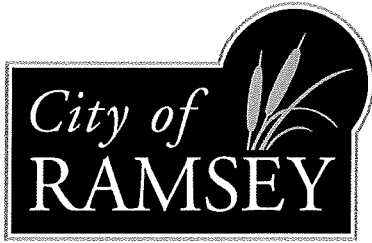
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Property Owner Name: John Jacobson

Property Address: 14691 Bowers Drive

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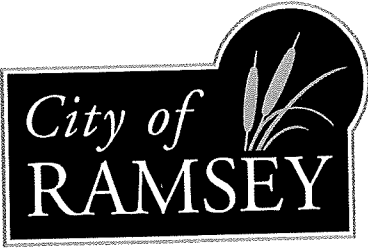
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Comments:

Bowers Drive residents should be the only
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Property Owner Name: Ralph Nissen

Property Address: 14710 BOWERS DR.

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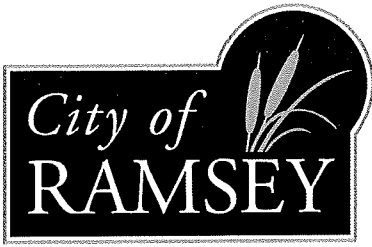
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Property Owner Name: Stephen Dehen

Property Address: 14720 Bowers Dr. NW

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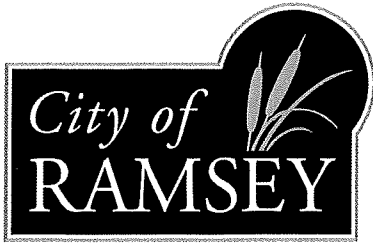
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Comments:

There is no good reason to add more
Traffic to Bowers Dr.

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Property Owner Name: Jason + Paige Bentley

Property Address: 14435 Bowers Dr NW

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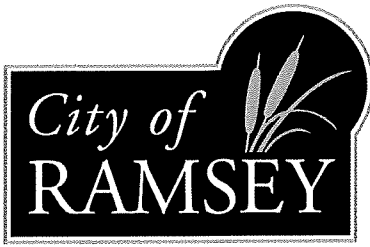
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NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

We are strongly opposed to a trail connection adjacent to our property for safety & security reasons. This was already addressed and voted against

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Property Owner Name: STEVEN PERKINS

Property Address: 14650 BOWERS DR NW

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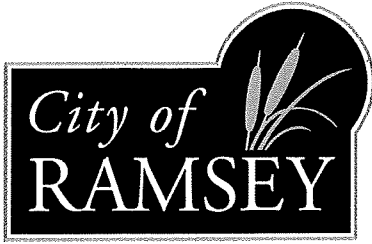
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Property Address: 14365 Bowers Dr. NW, Ramsey

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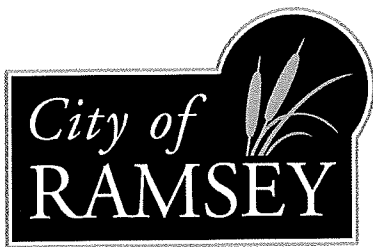
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Property Address: 14583 BOWERS DR

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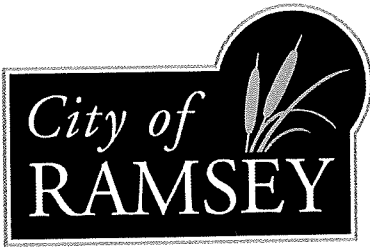
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Comments:

WE WOULD PREFER THE CITY-OWNED CORRIDOR BE PLANTED WITH TREES TO HELP OFFSET THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD-GROWTH FOREST BY THE DEVELOPERS.

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Property Owner Name: Nyssa + Joshua Fehreck

Property Address: 14573 Bowers Dr. NW Ramsey MN 55303

Survey Question

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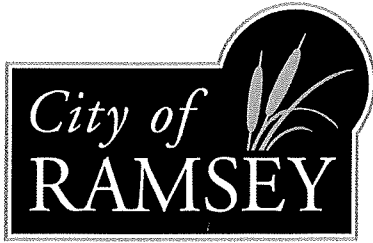
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Comments:

We don't support this for the same reasons as before. This road is already narrow and putting foot/bike traffic is a major safety hazard.

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Property Address: 14620 Bowers Dr NW

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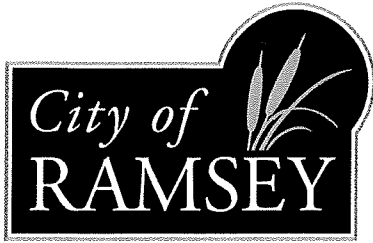
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Comments:

Not enough room on the road as is

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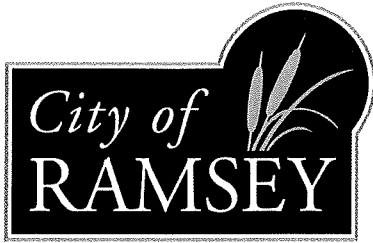
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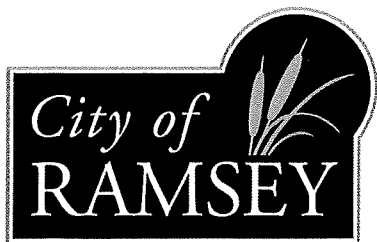
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Comments:

Bowers Drive is a narrow two lane road with no sidewalks. Additional foot / small vehicle (golf carts, bike, carts etc) would be hazardous for traffic. There are already many Bowers Drive & non residential foot / bike traffic / pedestrians that make driving on the road more difficult.

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Property Address: 14389 Bowers Dr NW Ramsey MN 55303

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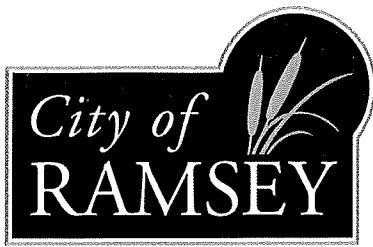
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Property Address: 14580 Bowers Dr. NW

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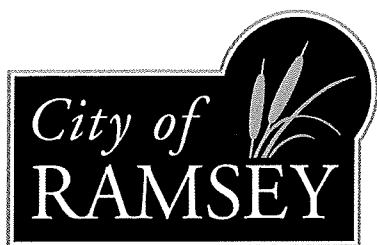
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Comments:

Absolutely Not! We moved into the area AFTER
The initial survey. This road is unsafe now! No walkway
for existing residents on the road. Scared to walk. More pedestrian
traffic would be a bad idea for any younger person who
may wander to Bowers. Very very bad idea.
Horrible idea! Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.

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Property Owner Name: TOM MENTH

Property Address: 14370 BOWERS DRIVE

Survey Question

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NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

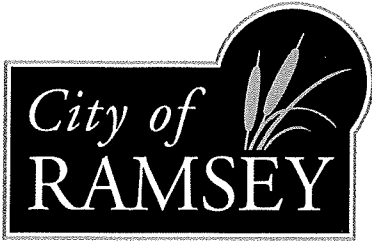
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I think the city has done enough to hurt Bowers Drive, and perhaps it's just time to leave us alone. You talked about the safety issue on the last go around. You brought in at least ten new homes, which equals 40 more cars daily, with minimum driving time to work and back. Then, taking trips, deliveries, and various other things could be accessible by 60 vehicles daily added to Bowers Drive.

My wife and I won't even let our grandchildren on the road as it is so busy, and some people drive much faster than before. Now, you want to open it up to 200-plus families and their children. They have their streets and sidewalks which they should stay on. My thoughts are you also open it up to more crime and unhappiness. If the Bowers families want to take a ride or walk, they still enjoy their road and have access to the trails along Highway 10.

So, our vote is "NO". We do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection as it would, unfortunately, give the city another reason to make further changes.



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Property Owner Name: Larsen JH G. & C.I.

Property Address: 14480 Bowers Dr. NW, Ramsey, MN
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Survey Question

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YES, I support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

We have been opposed to this recommendation since the 1st proposal.
1. Too close to the residents where it cut through & they were never
warned of this possibility. The danger of a careless tossed
cigarette causing fire to both or all of the houses on either
side of the access.

2. The number of houses in the development (242) would bring many
residents walking their dogs in our neighborhood leaving their

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droppings around our mailboxes and yellow snowbanks all

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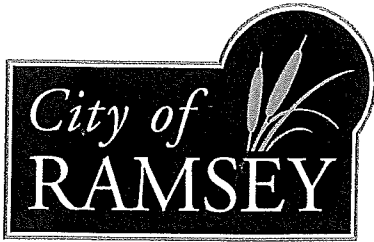
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3. A 10 foot wide walking path would be an invitation to motorcycles, ATVs, other small motorized vehicles which would make Bowers Dr less safe for the residents on Bowers Dr and quite noisy too. Possible cars too.
4. The amount of food wrappers and garbage from additional walkers would be our responsibility to clean up.
5. There is already a trail up by Hiway 10. Let them walk up there. People bought into their neighborhoods so they must like it there. We did not buy into that development.
6. This is ^{the} third time for this request. Lets put this to sleep once and for all.
7. We've been here for 60 years and many of the changes have not been for our benefit. Lets not make our living here less desirable when our taxes have skyrocketed for the convenience of adjacent development.
8. A second access to Bowers drive makes us less safe. Would you invite this into your neighborhood?

No thanks.

Leave it the way it is. Streets with cul de sacs are proven to be safer for the residents on them. We know our neighbors.



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Property Owner Name: URBAN SCHMIDTBALLER

Property Address: 14470 BOWERS DR

Survey Question

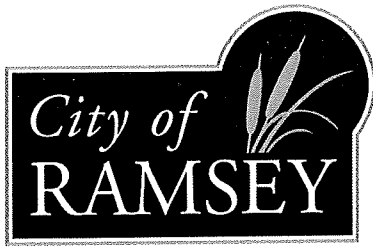
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Property Owner Name: Dean Swering

Property Address: 14603 Bowers Dr.

Survey Question

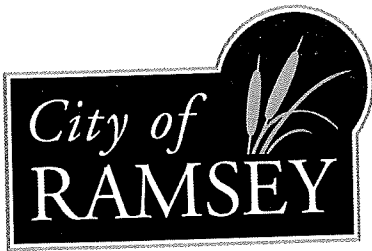
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Property Owner Name: John & Julie Dehen

Property Address: 14806 Bowers Drive, NW

Survey Question

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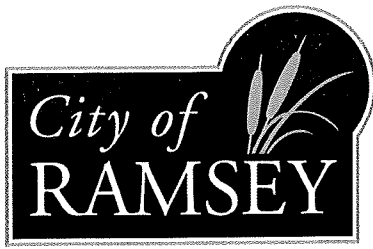
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NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

A couple of years ago we petitioned against a second roadway other than the new road near highway 10. This appears to be another end around to getting more traffic or pedestrians into the neighborhood.

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Property Address: 14820 Bowers Dr.

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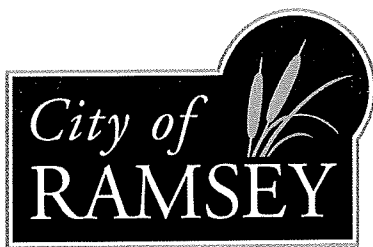
YES, I support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

NO, I do not support a paved pedestrian trail connection.

Comments:

I do not think you need a trail
and people coming through residential
neighborhoods when you have parks + public
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Property Address: 14447, Bowers Drive NW

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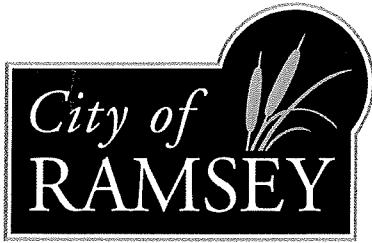
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Comments:

When asked if Bowers Drive wanted a connection before
Vast Majority Reiterated against ANY connection - Why is the city
asking again - Increased foot traffic was given as an example
why not to have any connection This is becoming very
frustrating - Also no response from people should not be seen
as a automatic approval. As I have only had 3 days
to respond to this survey -

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Property Owner Name: MARK BROCHU

Property Address: 14633 BOWERS DRIVE NW.

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Comments: SEE COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE →

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The City of Ramsey's top priority is public safety and this "Potential Trail" contradicts every aspect of the Cities charter for public safety by directing 725 pedestrians from a 10' trail onto a 19' roadway carrying traffic with combined vehicular widths up to 19' wide which leaves ZERO space for pedestrians to navigate Bowers Dr.

Regarding the trails "Cost-effective" construction based on being part of another project is another example of Government wasteful spending of tax payers' money. The only time this pedestrian trail topic should be explored is if Bowers Dr receives city services at which time the road will be changed from a Rural road to a Urban road designation. Also, the trail would be dead ended and would lead to nowhere. Pedestrians are already connected to the trail system at the beginning of Bowers Dr, Riverdale Dr. and also Snowy Owl Street. The City of Ramsey installing an inappropriate pedestrian trail would be cavalier, a failure of public safety stewardship, and gross fiscal negligence. All of which could open the City of Ramsey up to unwanted legal litigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to help shed some light on this matter.

Mark Brochu
14633 Bowers Dr. NW.