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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the TAG that visited the trail at the Coves and then the proposed trail for the Byron River Valley. The visits made it much easier to visualize what was proposed.

I have had opportunity to review the proposed plan and revisions made during the on-site review with the Board of our Condominium, Byron Woods, MCC 424 1337 Commissioners Rd. W.

The proposed Plan as reviewed on-site and the changes to the plan discussed during the tour satisfy our concerns about the development of the trail.

The key changes to the plan that affect Byron Woods are as follows:

1. The path from Commissioners Rd as it reaches the crest of the hill will drop down at that point to a level grade that will then intersect with the existing path down the rest of the grade and emerge approximately behind the pumping station.
2. The path will not follow the existing path across the back of our common area. This path will be closed off so that walkers will use the new path going down the hill.
3. The path from the parking lot of the existing Apartment and town houses to the west will be closed off so that walkers will use the path from Commissioners Road rather than the existing path from the parking lot that connects with the path behind our common area.
4. The fence to the west of Byron Woods. The new apartment at 1355 Commissioners Rd has already constructed a new wooden fence on the west side of their property and on the north side to the end of the existing apartment building. We do not know if they plan to install a fence to the east of their property back to where the dedicated park area begins. The fence that exists to the west of Byron Woods was installed some years ago and has been maintained by Byron Woods since then. There is a considerable section of the property line where the grade in the park area is several feet below the ground level in Byron Woods that causes the fence to be very unstable. It was stated during the tour that the Parks Department prefers to have a fence between ESA's and private property and that the fence should prevent our property being viewable or accessible from the pathway. Notes were made of this and we hope that a new and higher fence could be erected in place of the existing one.

We feel that these changes will reduce walkers entering our property and discarding of garbage in the vicinity of the trail which we will appreciate.

Several of your existing regulations should also be helpful, only a few disabled parking spots (would they be inside the gate which could be closed at dusk?) no washroom facilities, and dogs must be leashed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate and hopefully achieve the objectives of both of us.

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