

**Attachment 2 for Board Report -- November 28, 2005 Open House Community Review
Comments**

Meeting Participant	Comment
4	Great project and many dedicated volunteer hours have created a super trail -- very sustainable and low erosion, plus much better trails compared wit "old" trails that were there.
5	Since the trail was opened for mountain biking, this has become one of my favorite trails for mountain biking in the twin cities area. The trail design is excellent and it provides a fun, technical riding challenge. Even though I live close to trails in the south suburbs, I find myself riding this one often because it's fun to ride and a new trail I haven't
6	The trails are great! I hope they expand and more technical loops are implemented. Please keep me updated on events and trail cleanups.
7	We live in the neighborhood and strongly support the continuation of off-road cycling within Wirth Park including additions to the project area. More trails in more parks is the way to go. We appreciate that the new trails have cleaned up the "riff raff" that was using the park. Also, positive programs such as this bring perspective buyers and neighbors to the neighborhoods. We have noticed multiple good things come of the project. Good notoriety for the Wirth area.
8	If environmental stability and sustainability is maintained (even improved?) by the trails and the efforts of MOCA, it seems it will work well. Good luck to all the users.
9	protecting native species and not encouraging buckthorn expansion (although it is very prevalent). Again, I have enjoyed the trail immensely and look forward to future expansions.
10	My husband and I are very pleased with these trails. As average bikers, the design meets our needs. We've had no conflicts on the trail. We rode early in the season and regularly throughout the summer and into early fall. As a conservation biologist working on forest habitat, I look closely for damage and impact, and I've BEEN VERY PLEASED. riders SEEM RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL. I ALWAYS CHECK THE morc SITE FOR TRAIL CONDITIONS. I'm pleased this pilot is being recommended for continuation and interested to see a possible expert route too. Thank you!!
11	I lived in Bryn Mawr for 7 1/2 years and now Tyrol Hills for 8 years and have used all areas of TW for running, nordic skiing, dog walking, hiking, nature watching, and now off-road cycling. The new trails are a vast improvement over the deer paths and the trail=builders and cyclists I meet on the t rail are great people! I look forward to riding TW with my girls (ages 6 & 9)! (Now that the nudists are gone!)
12	MOCA has done a fantastic job. I now feel comfortable to bring my wife and two boys. Before with the "undesirable aspect of people" walking in the park I did not want to expose my family to this activity. An added bonus is the fact that, the trails have been greatly improved! Keep with the forward thinking MPRB!
13	Recently moved to a residence close to this park -- we're from Minneapolis but had no idea of the treasure of this area. Having lived in other states with high recreational profiles, it is a positive and wonderful addition to my community where enthusiasts can enjoy the outdoors,.This is one of the most amazing urban settings for a project of this nature. Kudos to all who've helped bring this opportunity to light. Absolutely wonderful!! Please feel free to contact me if I can help. 651-246-3998
14	Very thorough and fair evaluation and recommendations. I hope that more trails can be built
15	I really like it, and I think it is good for all ages. I think it should be around until the world collides with the sun. It is the best trail ever!
16	I am glad to have the bike path - Age 6
17	Very nice trail, enjoy off-road cycling with my son and friends. Would like to see the addition of the expert loop.

18	I consider the Theo trails as an integral part of my recreation, training and outdoor enjoyment. I introduce my wife to mountain biking on these trails and she did the entire loop without incident. She continued riding throughout this summer and as a result, raced this fall. I personally have never experienced conflict within the project area, and with the ongoing commitment of MOCA and MORC, don't expect to in the future.
19	Great work done designing and building the trail system. The trail is built in such a way as to discourage erosion. I know that first had being able to ride a pretty much dry trail shortly after a little rain.
20	On trails that are shared with hikers/walkers like the road coming into the bike trail from T.Wirth Parkway mountain bikers are creating bigger pot holes that fill the whole path/road area. This especially happen when it is wet. Bikers cannot enforce themselves very well and continuously bike when trails are wet and muddy and on non-designated trails exp. by twin lake. Bike trails have created more traffic to scare wildlife. More non-designated paths are being established south of 55 on way to trails. Esp. in wetland areas.
21	Need to protect parkland -- critically important. Bikers accessing trails parallel to road stay off car, paved road. Right now, often do not.
22	Mountain bikers are part of nature too, as are birds and butterflies at Eloise Butler, as are the cars on the road and the golfers on acres and acres of land! In this context, mountain bikers are asking very little compared to the rest. I think test results show that they can respect nature. We should respect them! Please allow a path to connect to project going between parkway and quaking bog.
23	The trails are great, keep them coming!!
24	This is great mountain bike trail that is challenging to all abilities! Please keep up the good work. I look forward to future trails in Theo Wirth
25	I consider the managed trails a tremendous asset to our neighborhood and the community in general. I am particularly pleased to see the number of families using the trails for off-road cycling, including mothers, dads and young children. The addition of signage and a one-directional trail has been a vast improvement over pervious trails. Keep up the good work.
26	I hope the Board follows staff recommendations. This is a great addition to the Minneapolis park system.
27	I have had no conflicts with the trail users nor have I witnessed any user conflicts. Bottom line is all users much realize others use the trail and need to be courteous. Great job guys!
28	I would like to see the trails become wider so you could possibly ride side by side with someone also because it would be easier to pass someone without having to move off of the trail.
29	I think that the off-road cycling project in Wirth is a complete success. MOCA had done a wonderful job of mapping and hand-cutting the new trail network. The new trails are fun to ride!!! And the project has positively changed the people I see in the woods. The scary naked guys are gone. I now see responsible 25-50 year old bikers and a few trail runners. My wife will now ride the trails by herself!!!! She is no longer afraid to ride her alone. I was pleasantly surprised by how ell the new trails have held up. The trail building techniques seem very good. In conclusion, I greatly look forward to an expanded off-road cycling trail network in maples. My kids are 2 and 4 years old and I greatly look forward to riding these trails with them in the years to come. Thanks!
30	Glad to see the positive evaluation and the goal of continuous system
31	I've seen nothing by good things come from the new trails. Theodore Wirth tore down the fences and put up signs that said "walk on the grass" This is what parks are for. If we want people and children off the sofas we must give them places to go and things to do.
32	I rode the trails for many years and like what has been done to improve the trail flow. I'm looking forward to having the advanced sections added
33	Congratulations on what appears to be a successful pilot project. Some hx'l uses this area (birding especially) are no longer as viable (for people or oriels). Please do not try to to extend these trails into S. Wirth woods, the nature zone area of Wirth Park.

34	The trails is great, keep up the good work!!
35	The project has greatly improved the social environment of the park. I use to be a place I couldn't go alone! Now I see families in the park. Please enforce the dog leash law. It's best for the dog and the riders.
36	I have worked on the project for the past two years. In that time I have seen a drastic increase in the number of users of the park. I believe that more trail will bring more people into the Minneapolis parks.
37	I'm not an off-road cyclist, but I do quite a lot of traditional biking on bike paths and roads. I am an avid user of the park system. This project looks like it's a wonderful success for off-road cycling. I'm glad the park system is large enough to accommodate many diverse activities. I'm in favor of providing all users places in the park system where they can pursue their various outdoor activities. However, I believe strongly that ORCing is incompatible with activities that have been traditionally enjoyed by many users in Wirth Park Woods (The Eloise Butler Buffer Zone). Under no circumstances should ORC be permitted in the Buffer Zone.
38	This looks very successful, but I can't help by have concerns. I worry about damage to the lovely natural area and think a professional environmental assessment (by a third party with no MPRB connections) be made - on impact to native plants, bikers and small animals. As a hiker I fear for my own wellbeing as well as others-especially children and the elderly. Under no circumstances should these trails be extended into S. Wirth south of Glenwood. Thanks Lisa
39	I've notices a dramatic improvement in the experience of spending time at Theo-Wirth since the bike trail project has begun. I don't think I've encountered a naked person in the wood all year. Also, the parking lots are much more active and fell safer. Many thanks to the parks board for giving this a try! The trails are well designed and maintained. Any chance of trying this out at Fort Snelling?
40	Thank you. I love biking in this area and would like to see the trails expanded to a mountain bike system.
41	Trails are great! But needs to be longer.