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There are lots of bikers on Barlow Rd. Our family also enjoys biking. We fully support and appreciate the full bike path for safety and connectivity to other trails. We love this bike path and do not support the idea of making it a 5' sidewalk.	North	N	Y
We are excited for a bike path / trail along Barlow - both for us to use and for all the bikers that currently are riding along Barlow to get to the trails. It's a safety issue.	North	N	Y
Wow! I appreciate your efforts to make walking/biking safer along Barlow Rd. However, the truck traffic required to carry out projects along Barlow Rd the last several years has been obscene. Early summer saw loud, speeding dump trucks continuously disrupting our quiet neighborhood approximately every two minutes. A sign at the bottom of the hill at Terex states "NO TRUCKS!" Disregard?	South	N	N
There were some negative comments about not putting the 8' bike/hike path because it cut into people's yards. As long as it is in the right of way, I don't see this as a legitimate complaint. Since 2017 my wife and I have looked forward to getting a bike/hike path, since we like to walk and bike. I feel it is unsafe riding a bike or walking on Barlow Rd. We have done it on occasion and now drive to the trail head to bike or hike or run. Traffic on Barlow Rd is sometimes heavy. I know that many of my neighbors on Weeping Willow Rd. also would like to have a bike/hike path on Barlow Rd. to be able to connect with the bike/hike trail maintained by the county across Terex Rd. Before just taking comments from people at the meeting and eliminating or reducing it to 5' wide sidewalk, others need to have the opportunity to comment. I think it would be a great benefit to the community.	South	N	N
1) 40' blue spruce will need to be removed between neighbor's house for power pole. How long will power be out to remove tree and move powerbox? 2) Will the city remove 30' Crimson Maple because power line move? 3) What will the fine be for blocking trail? a) Garbage each week b) Leaf pickup will be more than 6' because the path will be close to the road. c) How will we have more than 4 cars in the driveway? 4) The path will be larger area than the drive, what will the fine be for not clearing snow? 5) I ride the bike trails and no where do I ride in someone's front yard.	North	Y	Y
The drawing for my property (787 Barlow) and my neighbor's property show the path going over the man hole covers on our the property line. That is not 4 feet from the road. It is more like 2 feet. Or is it 4 feet from the white line of the road? If it is 4 feet from the white line, then I will not have the 4 foot green strip. I will have a 2 foot green strip. Where will I be able to put my trash. Can't put it in the street (block bike and car traffic). Can't put it in the green strip because even the recycle can will be larger than the green strip and block the trail. Or is the path going to be in my yard farther than the drawing are showing to create this green strip?	North	Y	Y

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<p>Does ODNR have any regulations about their requirements on the path except that it needs to be 8 ft wide?</p> <p>Are there any rules on how close it can be to any existing structures? The current path design will have the path less than 50 ft from my front porch. If the path needs to be moved in further into the property for providing sufficient space for trash/recycling, it will be less than 50 feet from my front door.</p> <p>Any rules about crossing streets or driveways? Will there need to be those wooden barricades at each end of the driveway or road?</p> <p>I know there is the rule that the path can't be block by vehicles in the driveway. Is there any rules on how close a vehicle can be to the path. Does there need to any additional clearance? I will be losing the last 12 feet (4ft green strip and 8 ft path) (more if the path is moved further into my yard) of my drive way to park any vehicles.</p>	North	Y	Y
<p>I am worried about my mailboxes at the turnaround. Would like the city to provide private property signs for my property over by the mailboxes. I worry because I do not want anyone parking there to use the walking trails.</p>	North	Y	Y
<p>Glad that the City is making something look nice. This will make people get out of the house and walk and make friends.</p>	North	N	Y
<p>1) Need complete snow removal rules. How much snow? How early / late does it need to be clean? Deiced? How soon after main road is plowed? If someone is hurt on ice, who is liable? 2) Will trees be replaced or at least some kind of landscaping? 3) Prefer a retaining wall instead of the extensive grading.</p>	North	Y	Y
<p>Before Barlow was widened a few years ago, I would not walk or bike on it. I would drive to another neighborhood to run. It was too narrow with too much traffic. When the hard shoulder was added, I began both running and biking from my home. I have been looking forward to the sidewalk for running and walking. I generally support what is being done for connectivity. Traffic on our road is only going to increase, so the sidewalk will be much appreciated for safety. I understand my neighbors pain, though, realizing the trees that will be taken down and the real estate in their front yards that will be become public property. But, I do not see the wisdom in the 7 and 8 foot trail west of the tracks. The bikers who go up and down our road to connect to the bike trail are not going to ride on that trail. They will continue on the road. I think a sidewalk is what will be most used for pedestrian activities like walking and running. I know there was effort put into receiving the ODNR grant and I appreciate the fact that the city is looking for that kind of help. But I don't feel the trail is appropriate for this neighborhood. Taking 13 feet of yard in homes with a small setback from the road is asking too much. Five foot sidewalks seem a bit extreme, too, but I guess there's nothing that can be done about that according to the LD code. I run in the Colony Park neighborhood and the sidewalks there work fine with the pedestrian activity there.</p>	South	N	N

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We very much support this project. Our residence on Barlow Road is impacted. As the trail passes through our property, it enters a pine tree grove of 13 pine trees. The plans call for removal of four trees within the ROW. These pines are mature trees, 30+' in height. Removing the four street facing trees will leave a barren tree line and create an eyesore for anyone driving, biking or walking down Barlow Road in Hudson. Also, the remaining trees will create a constant mess on the walkway and ongoing root hazard for the trail. We are offering and suggesting that the City take down all of the pine trees.	North	Y	Y
I am opposed to this project concerning the 8' asphalt trail/walk. I believe that there are alternatives, such as moving this portion to the other side of Barlow Road (south side) at least the portion which effects Williamsburg Colony; reducing the width of the path to 5 feet for this section or acutally making it a concrete sidewalk with curbing; widening the street to put in bike lanes; and finally not do anything and leave everything "as is".	North	Y	Y
I think the way this project has been thrust on us is outrageous. The communication level of the park board, city planners and city council is appalling! As we were told at the meeting of September 26, this has been in the works since 2000. Funny we first heard of this in 2017, and have been living here for 27 years. Since this affects us and our property DIRECTLY we should have been contacted immediately and kept informed every step of the way. Our previous councilman told us specifically this project was "dead" and was not going to happen. I have the following concerns and/or comments: 1.) "You" are changing the look of our property. We will have an 8-foot path cutting through the front yard. We do not have that much street frontage, so the path will be very close to my front porch. 2.) We were told that our driveway will be shortened; by this I mean we cannot park where the driveway crosses the path. Not sure I want our cars near the path so now we have a shortened driveway which we paid for. 3.) If someone falls on the path, I want the City to be responsible for any liability, since I am opposed to this project and you are putting this in. 4.) If you need to take down trees, which I paid the City several years ago, I expect to be reimbursed. 5.) I was informed that I need to maintain the path. I believe that is unfair since I don't want this in the first place. The City should do all maintenance on the path. 6.) Is this property zoned as a park? I believe its residential, so why are you turning it into a park? 7.) I was told that this project would increase the value of the property. Get real, who wants an 8-foot public path in the middle of their yard? 8.) Police presence, how do we know the people who will be so close approximately 25 feet from my home are law abiding citizens? What about our safety, including children and our homes? This is a residential area and you're inviting strangers to legally come near our property! 9.) I would like to know how many of the decision-making individuals live on Barlow Road, where the 8-foot path is proposed. My guess is NONE. How would you feel if this was being done on your property? If it's not a big deal for you, buy my house, please. My guess is you would not want it. 10.) If a concrete sidewalk near the street, like most residential neighborhoods have, I could consider that, or place the trail on the other side of the street, otherwise send the grant money back and leave things just as they are.	North	Y	Y

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We do not want our property to be used for a bike path. We do not think there is value to the city or to property owners. - An 8-foot path is excessive and unnecessary. Given the option between a 5-foot cement sidewalk and an 8-foot asphalt bike path, we would greatly prefer a sidewalk. - Hudson is an affluent community. If the city is unable to fund non-critical projects then the city should not spend over its means. There are certainly communities in much greater need of ODNR funding than Hudson. As Ohio residents, this is still our taxpayer money and we would like to see those funds go to where they are most needed. - We would like the city to revisit the idea of installing “on road” bike paths. In our opinion, this is a reasonable compromise, whereby the city can continue the connectivity program, and property owners along Barlow do not have an excessively wide path in their yards. - The plans should include (or residents should be told specifically) if trees will be removed due to the power lines moving for this project – in addition to those being removed to make room for the path itself. - We like the plan to fill in and improve the ditches as part of this project. They badly need attention and this would be a win for us. - We are concerned with safety as more strangers will be closer to our home. As an example, we’ve often noticed a man slowly walking along the street, often yelling at cars and dogs as he goes. I don’t know this gentleman’s situation and certainly don’t want to make any assumptions, but the behavior is concerning to parents of young children. We are very uneasy with the idea of individuals we are unfamiliar with having access to our property and being in our yard with our children. - The fact that the stakes for utility line movement were “one to two feet” off from the marks does not provide us with confidence in the accuracy of the rest of the project. - We are concerned about the bike traffic crossing Terex and Barlow as proposed to tie into the Metroparks Hike and Bike Trail. Since adding the traffic light, people have adopted the convention of driving around cars waiting to make a turn which raises the potential for accidents. We fear that adding bike and pedestrian traffic to this intersection will increase the risk of accidents. 	North	Y	Y
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Are there any restrictions on homeowner's installing barriers between the bike path and yard (fencing, etc.)? 2.) Because the bike path is taking the entire easement is the City planning to buy land from homeowner's to create a new easement? 3.) Are the current above ground powerlines going to be burried or pused back above ground? This could create a problem with foliage and branches of current trees. 4.) How are existing downspout drainage tiles being connected to the drainage pipes in the ditch? 	North	Y	Y
<p>I do not want a bicycle path in front of my house or on Barlow Road. If done I want paid for my loss of land and a tree. Land \$3,000 and tree also \$3,000. My first warning was 1 1/2 weeks ago about this. I think City Council and the Mayor/Manager are full of BS and could care less about the people of Hudson.</p>	North	Y	Y

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We have been reading about this planned sidewalk/trail for years! And we are/were very excited about having a safe place to walk and ride our bikes, especially a trail that would connect us to the Metro Parks and the downtown. I was surprised by the anger at the meeting. But, I realize the houses impacted are relatively close to the road and an 8-foot path will be a huge change for those residents. We'll be very sad if this trail isn't built, but I also understand why, after listening to my neighbors, they are concerned and upset. Given that an 8-foot trail will be crossing in front of their houses, you should have done a door to door survey and reached out before getting the grant.	South	N	N
Why is the path not being put on the other side of Barlow, less homes? Why was this not voted on? Have you taken into consideration to what this will do to our property and home values? Is this all about the grant? Was a study done on how many people will be using this path? Talk to bikers? Cutting down all the trees will leave our homes open; they need to be replaced. What does the new arborist think about this? Why is 8 feet through the area where there are homes and smaller where there are less homes? How will this affect the new road that was just put in? Why not just put bike lanes on both sides of the street? Do you really think this will make Hudson better? A community center is what we need. What's going to happen to the farm house's front yard? It's very close to the road.	North	Y	Y
I think the negatives of this project outweigh the positive benefits for neighbors on Barlow between the golf course and Terex Road. There's no denying that a sidewalk is warranted - it's dangerous to walk on the road. But, front yards are not very deep in that section of Barlow. An 8-foot path (located 3 feet from the road) would not allow some residents to have full use of their driveways, the close proximity might even impact property values. It's such a short section of Barlow, why not make it a sidewalk like the section between Hudson Meadows and Darrow Road?	South	N	N
Regarding the section between Ellsworth Golf Course and Terex Road, that's a lot of land the City would be taking from residents without compensation. I question whether cyclists would use the path (as a cyclist myself)	South	N	N
The drawings I reviewed on the website indicate you will be cutting into the landscape island on my property. You will be removing the ornamental grass. I don't want any of this grass left, please remove all of it. Second the rocks on the east side of the property line, please move these to cover the gravel area around the tree stump next to driveway. Please let me know if this is a problem.	North	N	Y