Results: New York Creek Trail Signage and Widening

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of El Dorado Hills Community Services District to the FlashVote community for El Dorado Hills, CA.

346 Responses
186 of 296 initially invited (63%)  
Margin of error: ± 5%

Q1

The El Dorado Hills CSD is considering sign replacement and trail widening for the New York Creek Trail, in the 1.7 mile stretch between Jackson Elementary School and Community Park. Current signs would be replaced with new signs, which would be developed by the American River Conservancy and Oak Ridge High School students. Widening of the trail to approximately 8 feet wide could be done by removing brush where the natural surroundings permit, while preserving the natural (dirt) character of the trail.

In the last 12 months, which of these describe your use of the New York Creek Trail? (Choose all that apply.)

(268 responses by locals)

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<td>I haven’t used it</td>
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<td>I’ve walked it</td>
<td>66.4% (178)</td>
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<td>I’ve jogged or run it</td>
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<td>I’ve biked it</td>
<td>25.4% (68)</td>
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<td>I didn’t know about it</td>
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I didn't know about it

Other:

Unfiltered responses

dog walk and bike it almost daily

Played with kids in and along the water

I would like the trail to remain the same

I would love to bike it, but haven't out of respect of the current rules.

Please do not do anything to this trail except stop the bikes and motorcycles

Walked it w/ an eye to the CSD plans to widen and sign the trail

I walk the NYC nature path and clean it regularly.

I live adjacent to NY Creek Trail & have a 1986 agreement with the CSD Board for walking trail only

I love walking the trail but have often had to relinquish the trail to fast and aggressive bikers

My house is within one hundred feet of the trail.

I can't walk very far or long because of a broken vertebrae that healed badly and caused scoliosis.

Keep it for pedestrians only

As a homemaker, I enjoy the natural & serene beauty daily. Deer are a real treat!

I intentionally purchased a home next to the trail and my family uses it on a weekly basis

Also walked my dog

My home backs to it

Y property borders CSD property where the trail is located.

DO NOT WIDEN THE TRAIL..... REFOREST THE DAMAGED PARTS ALONG CREEK. DO NOT WIDEN DO NOT IMPROVE

Walked with toddler on trail

I've used the trail regularly for 23 years; heavily for the past 10 years (avg 3x per week)
Q2

Which ONE of the following upgrades to the trail do you think would provide the community with the biggest increase in recreation value?
(275 responses by locals)

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<td>Trail widening</td>
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<td>New interpretive signage</td>
<td>14.5% (40)</td>
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<td>Change the existing policy to allow bicycle access and update signage with new access rules</td>
<td>28.4% (78)</td>
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<td>Other:</td>
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<td>I would like the trail to remain the same pedestrians only</td>
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<td>Signs only for pedestrian use only.</td>
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<td>You need to KEEP PEDESTRIANS ONLY use and clean up the area of fallen trees, branch and dry debris</td>
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<td>Leave. It. Alone except for pruning overgrowth</td>
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<td>Keep this trail as a pedestrian ONLY trail</td>
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<td>enforce the no bike thirty year old policy and install large no bike signs at all entrances.</td>
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<td>keep the trail designated as pedestrian only with clear signage indicating this</td>
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<td>Keep as pedestrian only NO bikes allowed</td>
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<td>I support interpretive signs, but &quot;Increase in recreation value&quot; is not a good measure of success</td>
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<td>NO BIKING FROM FALKIRK TO JACKSON SCHOOL LEAVE IT ALONE</td>
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<td>No loose dogs</td>
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<td>Post signs saying Pedestrian Only</td>
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<td>Improve the current trails removing some overgrown bushes and trees. No bike trails keep it natural</td>
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<td>Do not allow bikes&lt; place no bike signage, enforce ordinance, no bike, policy</td>
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<td>As original homeowner, any changes are not acceptable. Nature, not traffic is my demand.</td>
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<td>Allow bikes only if widened at the narrowest sites, and apply signage with &quot;Share the Trail&quot; rules.</td>
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<td>smooth it over a bit to remove some of the rocks that one can trip over</td>
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<td>Clearing brush on the creek side (west side) of the trail</td>
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<td>DO NOT WIDEN OR PAVE OR IMPROVE THE TRAIL... RE FOREST THE CREEK WHERE PATHS LEAD TO CREEK</td>
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<td>Maintain the pedestrian use only from Falkirk to Jackson School bridge NO BIKES</td>
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<td>Pedestrian only - better, safer crossings of the creek in two areas.</td>
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Q3

Do you have any concerns about widening the New York Creek Trail or changing the existing policy to allow bicycles on the New York Creek Trail?

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<td>57.1%</td>
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- Would prefer to use the funds for other CSD improvements. Interpretive signs would be great, but I don't feel trail widening or bicycle access is necessary.
- Bikes don't need access to the trail; keep it for walking only please!
- NO BIKES should be allowed, they are for the most part inconsiderate and dangerous to others.
- With more traffic will come a danger to the condition of the trail and the surrounding landscape.
- Keep pedestrian only and leave trail as is
- Try not to lose the character of the trail. It is a gem.
- Bikes would be disruptive
- Beware of disturbing Naturally Occurring Asbestos
- Potential for accidents when there are different types of users on trail. Dogs on leashes, kids in strollers, people glued to cell phones...and fast bikes. If trail is not paved, just kept as dirt trail (I'm not sure of the plan) that reduces danger, I think, as they won't go as fast as road bikes.
- Character max here limits answer... More dirt = less nature. Bikes = trail traffic, noise on Jackson bridge, parking traffic at my house! at trailhead, high speeds on paved trail by bridge, less freedom kids (can't roam free), dogs + bikes dont mix and leashes cause biker injury, signs unnatural.
- Keep it a dirt trail. Do not want paved. Like the rough terrain but clearing some brush ok. The ability to ride bikes on the trail is very important to me.
It's good as is
Should be kept as a hiking only trail. Would be too dangerous for hikers if bikes were allowed.
Allow bikes or keep it the same. Feel like money better spent on playgrounds and fields, provide shade for bleachers
Bikes should be allowed. I am concerned if they are not allowed.
Trail is natural and a wildlife area and asphalt is not natural or beneficial to a wildlife area. Who is the fool who wants to wipe out this jewel?
This is and has been a walking trail since 1988. Biking is not compatible with walking. The money can be spent better elsewhere like enforcement of the CC&R's.
Widening the trail will remove the quaint feature of the trail itself. As is, it is a lovely step back in time to walk the trail. No bikes please - there are plenty of other places for bikers. Keep it quiet, and safe for pedestrians.
Bicyclists should be aware that walkers have priority and they need to yield. Would help alleviate walkers being "run-over" by cyclists.
There are plenty of trails for bikers and this will render the trail useless to casual walkers and families. In addition the destruction of the natural surroundings.
I worry about the safety of the trail with bikes and pedestrians and don't think that widening will maintain the quality of the trail
This have been a pedestrian only trail for 30 years. People that ride on the trail ignore the signs now. Do you think they will follow the when it's wider? I think now they will just go faster bc they will have more room. I myself have been in the hospital by being hit by a biker that kept going
Human to human dangerous collisions into each other, young children or leashed pets. Signs should be added that read "Pedestrian Use Only" and should have been an option under Question 2. Map at Falkirk kiosk could clearly show how to reach Jackson Elementary bridge by streets.
8 feet seems too wide. It would make trail seem like a road instead of a trail.
The trail should not be widened. Sight lines should be opened up. Normal trail maintenance. And add small trail to avoid trees and rocks
Bicycles would be a hazard for the walkers.
I think it is a mistake to have bicycles and walkers on the same trail. My experiences with combined trails has not been good and it can be quite dangerous. Riding a bike is great exercise but there are lots of roads they can ride on already without using the trail - not so for walkers.
Pedestrian only. No Bikes.
People and bikes do not mix well. I resent having to step off the trail to make room for a bike person coming thru. I have walked this trail for over 30 years and wish to leave it as is for pedestrians ONLY. This is a Nature trail and should not be disturbed except for weed control.
The portion of the trail that runs behind the homes on Brackenwood is not conducive to widening given its close proximity to private property and therefore not conducive to bicycles. We have had personal experience with a bicyclist almost running into us as he came around a curve in this area.
I don't think it should be widened and no jokes should be allowed on it
leave it as a nature trail
Please do not do anything to this trail except stop the bikes and motorcycles. Our home/backyard borders the trail for about 100 yards. The bikers and motorcycles are dangerous and the motorcycles are way too noisy!
You will be destroying a very special and unique indian walking trail. Why are you people hell bent on screwing this up. Their are hundreds of miles of bike trails in Folsom & El dorado hills. How many walking trails? You are suppose to represent everyone's best interest in this matter.
No bikes. I enjoy walking the trail frequently.
1. How the trail will interact with the proposed ped bridge in the utility corridor 2. Trail North of utility corridor unsuitable for widening and retaining atmosphere of the nature trail
Please let the New York Creek Trail alone! There is no way you can widen the trail for bicycles use without a major harmful effect on the natural environment and the safety of the pedestrians and their pets.
Some have a perception, back years ago, of your local neighbor riding his bike 5-8 MPH on the trail. But reality is there are past strava web site timings of who can mountain bike the fastest down the sensitive section from Falkirk to Jackson. How can 12-15 MPH racing coexist with walkers?
Environmental Impact Fear of injury resulting from bike riders using the trail Increased use resulting in additional noise
Too difficult to determine if a bike is going to come at you from around a curve. Not safe. Prefer to keep it pedestrian.
As a senior who walks the trail often I can't hear or see someone ridding up fast behind me and have almost been hit several times I also have been attacked by people walking their large dogs off leash their should be a speed limit on the cyclists
I do not want the trail changed in any way. I walk the trail weekly and I don't see that many bikes. Let's keep it just as is.

the Dept. of Fish and Wild life and APCB will not allow. Trail crosses private property.

I don't want the trail widened as it will disturb the natural beauty and I don't believe pedestrians and bike should be on the same trail.

NYC trail is a fragile ecosystem, home to beautiful native wildflowers in spring and a necessary riparian habitat for mammals, birds, reptiles and aquatic animals. Any disturbance, such as widening the trail and allowing bicycles is potentially destructive to that habitat.

Bicycles would pose a danger to pedestrians.

Parts of the trail are on private property. Safety for the people walking the trail.

My concern is pedestrian safety. Allowing uncontrollable bicycle access will increase vehicle traffic. Widening the trail by removing brush, branches trees, rock outcrops and dirt mounds will increase vehicle speed. Both actions will endanger foot traffic.

The creek corridor is too narrow and fragile to allow any expansion of the existing little footpath. Any environmentalist will tell you that. The proposal to widen the path to 8 feet, or any widening at all, would be laughable if it wasn't so ridiculous. Bicycles do not belong on such a trail.

It won't be as challenging to run. Will be unnatural.

Yes. I believe the push by CSD to change the trail without public input was initiated by their extreme favoritism to their biking cohorts (some of which are on the board). The serenity of the natural setting will be destroyed...and I have yet to see a biker stop to enjoy this unique environment.

Bikers seem to not follow rules

New York Creek Trail is a natural and beautiful area. To allow bike access would only destroy the beauty and peace. We have already had problems with kids on bikes throwing rocks at us when we tell them to stop smoking and drinking in the. Area. Openinwould encourage more kids to party.

Please no bikes... the trail winds in and out of blind spots. Please can be seriously injured by huge 29 inch mountain bikes!

Bicyclists posing a threat to safety of pedestrians.

Danger to walkers and dogs, more vandalism, safety

Widening the path will disrupt the animals that live in our near the creek

safety is my concern. Getting rid of the "No bicycles allowed" signs will increase bike traffic. Also, removing rocks, mounds, branches and brush will allow bicyclists to speed. Both the increased traffic and bike speed will endanger pedestrians.

Too much potential conflict with bikes and pedestrians.

Not a good trail for bicycles.

I don't want to loose the feel of being in the woods. I didn't know bikes weren't allowed. I haven't ever had an issue with a biker.

The existing no bicycles policy was promised to the St. Andrew's residents in 1986 by the CSD Board. We expect the present board to uphold that policy. Those 1986 residents still live here but we are now in our 70s-90s and don't use internet surveys so this survey is not accurate. Disregard it.

I wish this to continue to be pedestrian only trail and to signed as such. This trail runs behind my property and widening and changing the designation will lead to more drug and other illicit issues occuring behind my home at night. It is also unsafe for pedestrians when bike riders are present.

I do not think that widening the trail is warranted as long as all users respect trail etiquette. I am pro bike, hike, walk & run.

Leave the trail alone. It is a nature trail and not a bike speedway. I have a view of trail and what goes on the trail. Do you? Leave it as it was intended! Nature....get it?

Danger to pedestrians, increased traffic volume destroying the riparian nature, already existing fire hazard will be exasperated by greater volume of traffic, destruction of endangered species, potential crime increase and danger to surrounding residents

I live very close to trail , I am concerned with increased noise , and increasing crime ( kids hanging on trail smoking pot) . Main concern is widening could stir up possible previously identified naturally occurring asbestos and wa People ride bikes on trail anyway , why spend resources on this.

Environmental concerns disrupting the creek. No bike path please

It would be hazardous as bikes with wider trails would tend to go faster and more likely to not be able to stop in time for pedestrians and animals

The trail does not need to be widened.

Bicycles would increase hazards on the trail, as navigating the trail is more complex, and increased risk in proximity to those walking. Cyclists have moved rocks located on peoples property repeatedly, without permission. Adding vehicles to the trail reduces the peace/natural setting
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<th><strong>Widening the trail would damage the aesthetic value of the New York Creek Nature Trail for pedestrians/runners and harm wildlife that use the riparian corridor as habitat. Allowing bikes would ruin the enjoyment of the trail for pedestrians.</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Just ensure there are rules for pedestrians and bikers posted and an efficient system to respond to complaints and concerns.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>This trail is for pedestrians only. If you make it wider and add bikes, the pedestrians will be injured. This does happen- Review the Sac Bee 6/23/17 Bill Finkbeiner senseless act story- which of us will be the victim if this change is made. Please do not endanger me ! THINK TWICE !</strong></td>
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<td><strong>If bicycles are allowed, the trail needs to be wide enough for walkers/joggers and bikers to pass safely.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Environmental impact, impact to residents along the trail, increased traffic due to increased bike traffic and larger biker groups from outside the local community. I live close to the trail and my family has enjoyed the trail in its current natural state for over 20 years. Do NOT widen the trail!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Not necessary</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Would like it to be pedestrians only, unnecessary to widen, creates traffic and hazards to walkers</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I'm afraid it will make the cyclist ride faster. There are sites where people post how fast they ride the trail. I've been almost hit several times. Prefer keeping the ban on bikes. There are other trails for cyclists. Also, feel CSD has no right encroaching on homeowners land.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I have been a resident of Fairchild Village for 15 years. Over the years bicycle usage has increased. The bicyclists speed through the trail, yelling for walkers/runners to move out of their way. There is no way to manage their speed to assure safe usage by walkers/runners.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Bikes are unsafe on this trail. The current rule prohibiting bicycles is the only safe option for New York Creek Trail. Widening the trail will irreversibly destroy the natural appeal of the trail and area.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I would like the trail to stay pedestrian only. It is a hazard to share a trail with bikers who often come too close to the walking lane at high speeds.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Trail should not be 8 ft wide! Leave it just the way it is. 8 feet will degrade the surrounding foliage.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>New York creek trail is a pocket of natural beauty. Any increased impact on the creek is a negative one.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Widening the trail to accommodate bicycles will change the entire natural feel of the trail. Put it good bike lanes on Silva Valley instead. Unless the trail is paved, the bikes will tear up the soil and vegetation especially in the rainy season.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PAVE THE TRAIL FROM THE COMMUNITY PARK TO THE POWER LINES TO CONNECT TO THAT TRAIL SYSTEM. SIGN THE TRAIL BETWEEN FALKIRK AND JACKSON SCHOOL AS A NATURAL TRAIL AS IT HAS BEEN FOR OVER 30 YEARS FOR PEDESTRIAN USE ONLY.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I would like to see the New York Creek Trail allow multi-use i.e. bikes &amp; pedestrians without having to widen the trail. New signage allowing this policy change would be great especially if produced by the youth from Oakridge.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The strip is much too narrow to widen the path without irreversibly destroying the natural appeal of the trail. It is ironic that the same people who want to put up interpretive signs do not understand that by widening the trail they are destroying the very habitat that these signs will depict.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Keep the trail pedestrian use only and protect the sensitive environment of the Creek. There are enough other trails around for biking already.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Bicycles and pedestrians can co-exist. BUT they are different modes and bicycles can often go too fast and come upon pedestrians unexpectedly. My fear is neither group (peds or bikes) will be entirely happy if you allow bicycles.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We have used the trail for walking/jogging for 37 years. Widening and/or allowing bicycle use would destroy it's rural natural beauty. It was never intended for anything but pedestrian use and bicycles pose a safety hazard to walkers. I strongly oppose any changes or modifications to this trail.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Too much traffic, disturbing the creek and the natural habitat, loss of what attracted us here</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I like it as it currently is</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I have voiced my concerns at a CSD meeting and am opposed to changing the natural habitat with pavement and the danger cyclists would cause. Additionally, we are original owners of this home and were told there never be any change to the New York Creek trail. I'm opposed to this project.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>&quot;Widening&quot; puts the wrong image in EDH citizen's minds about what will actually happen to continue accommodating multi-use trail sharing. If I'm not mistaken, the trail tred will largely stay EXACTLY the same width... it is the brushy vegetation that will be trimmed back (&quot;widened&quot;)... right?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taking away our beautiful, tranquil trail. This should be preserved for walking only.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Widening the trail will destroy its beauty and character. So will allowing bikes -- the trail is just not suited for bikes without destroying it for pedestrians and nature.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I think first of nature and how it is impacted. Consider the flora and fauna of the area. That is their home, their habitat. There are many trails around here. Do all of them have to be 8 feet wide? Do they all have to accommodate bicycles? I could use my walker on it, probably.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>This trail is a treasure the way it is for walkers and joggers. It is just a blip for bikers as they go on to other trails. Should not take something</strong></td>
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away from those who value it the most and who love it the way it is. The "upgrades" as you call them are not upgrades at all they are destruction.

Bicycles have always used the trail and until recently, I didn't realize they were prohibited. I like the trail exactly as it is. I DON'T want it widened or paved. I do think bicycle use should be officially permitted. Let's change the policy (and signage if needed) and leave the trail as is!

Keep it dirt and minimize removal of trees

It needs to be for pedestrians only no bicycles allowed

I wouldn't want bikers to take over the trails. It's frightening and annoying when they come up upon you and expect you to move lickety split. I might be in favor of allowing bikes, if they had their "own" trail.

It will change the whole nature of the trail and the intend to preserve it as is. A wider trail will result in faster travel and increase injury and liability.

Security in Fairchild Village, damage to the ecosystem of the trail

Leave the trail similar to its current state but allow bikes.

Do not change existing trail, maintain only

I do not see a need to widen the trail. I recommend keeping it as-is.

I feel the trail should be keep natural. Allowing bikes will just allow damage to the natural surroundings.

I don't want bicycles on the trail. walking and biking don't mix well

Trail widening, and allowing bikes, on NYC Trail Nature Area, is detrimental to the environment, and increases risks to life and property. Safety will be compromised.

1. Safety - allowing bicycles will make it unsafe for pedestrians. There are several tight turns where line of sight cannot be achieved due to tree locations and proximity to the riparian zone. 2. Increased erosion of the trail. 3. Taking away from the ambiance of the nature trail.

Purchasing our home, we were grateful to be informed that NOTHING will ever be built/changed behind our home. The trail sits on my property. Change will increase traffic, cause loss of natural beauty, loss of privacy, loss of wildlife, increase intruders, damage Native American history.

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There are plenty of places for bikers to ride. Leave the New York Creek Trail as natural as possible. We don't need to accommodate everybody. This isn't something I think we should be spending money on.

Homes in the area, keeping it rural rough and rocky, so the natural look.

We can improve sight lines on the trail without widening it. It does not sound like anyone in the community wants to widen the trail but we would like to improve sight lines to improve visibility for all trail users. I am also concerned with the anti bike community taking revenge on the cyclist.

The part of the trail from the proposed bridge over the Creek to Jackson School is narrow. It was never meant to be more than a walking trail as it was used during the time when only Miwok Indians lived there. It is simply too narrow in places to accommodate anything with wheels.

I'd like to keep the trail as is, except to raise low spots that require people to walk around the low spot when wet. I do not have a problem with bicycles traveling at a reasonable speed on the trail.

Bikes should not be permitted on the trail. They create stress for those walking because they show up near you without warning and scare you. The trail is provides intimacy with nature for people walking on it. Bikes destroy this experience by their presence, size, speed, etc.

There are adequate bike trails for those activities without disturbing the wildlife and serenity of New York Creek

The trail should not be widened to allow bicycles. It needs to be maintained as a pedestrian trail to preserve the natural environment in which it exists.

I don't want to loose the mountain trail feel of the path. The trail could be widened in areas that have blind corners which would make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

do normal maintenance and leave it. We don't need new signs or widening, it will bring more problems.

Destroying the natural habitat

Yes, please change the policy to officially allow bicycles so this anti-bike nonsense will end. No need to widen the trail, just some trail maintenance will do. Keep it natural please.

I think it's fine to widen it where space permits (between stone gate and St Andrews) I favor this action. I do not favor widening the trail behind Fairchild village. Leave that part a pedestrian only trail.

If the trail is widened at the narrowest sites, it should be done so with enviromental oversite.
People walking, running, or just contemplating nature need a break from the bicycle traffic. Legitimizing the prohibited behavior results in a net minus to existing use.

in creased traffic, reduce to serene setting

No matter how much signage there is many people on bikes seem to think they have the right of way and can go as fast they want. It's a hard issue to resolve.

The trail and current use of bicycles is fine. Dogs off leash that come up to my property are more of a concern. The bicyclists have always been polite, and many children bike on it. I wouldn't want to take that away from them. Clearing some brush would be okay, but it does not need to be wi

Concerned about increased fire danger and asbestos exposure. I'm also concerned about the long term health of the oak trees along the trail.

Do not widen the trail or touch the trail. let it go. widening the trail invites bicycles, more pedestrians, and the destruction of actual wildlife. If you attempt to widen the trail I will get an injunction and demand an environmental impact report for asbestos and indigenous species.

I would be concerned that if the policy were changed, other changes would ensue, such as lighting, which would raise the already excessive property tax fees the CSD already collects and we property owners pay.

Parts of the trail are too narrow and environmentally sensitive to accommodate this type of usage. The natural character and peaceful walking paths will be destroyed with bikes, dangers posed for walkers, degrading of terrain. Areas of widening encompass private property and can't relocate. Expensive.

We walk on this trail all the time. Bicycles go too fast and almost hit us and then they yell that we should get out of the way. The motorcycles are too noisy and even run up and down the trail at night. We can see and hear them from our back windows. Please leave the trail in it's natural state.

Safety for walkers. Property owners whose land is part of the trail and the legal ramifications.

Safety of pedestrians old and young Increased traffic Increased liability Damage to natural environment and erosion of trail

No widening. Only brush clearing that provide increased sight lines

I support multi-use of the trail, including bikes. Trail widening should be limited to specific areas where improved sight lines are required for safety. I also noted in a recent ride on the trail that vegetation needs to be trimmed back to the edge of the trail.

leave as nature trail, foot traffic only.....no bikes

Bicyclist are rude and think they own the walkways. I stopped walking on the trails in Folsom because of bikers....If you want to let bikers ride the trails make separate trails for them.

Too much traffic would be created if the trail was widened. Bicycles should be on streets separate from walkers. The neighborhood dogs would constantly be barking with all the extra bicycle traffic. Changing it would create a lot of dust in the air. Noise would increase if you widen the path.

If widening equals bikes on the trail, then do not widen the trail. Do not want it open to bikes.

We would lose some of the small trail creek feel

-accelerated trail damage: -NO ONE wants to physically modify trail (triggers signif environ impact/cost); -Residents deserve peaceful, preserved, pedestrian-only nature area; 30-year old pedestrian-only ordinance -CSD & EDC have plans already in progress to increase region bike use elsewhere

Bicycles will not allow the quiet reflective setting of the environment to be maintained.

Do not allow byclists as I've had to step aside into brush for them. I also encountered a hover machine and the individual yelled at me to move over. Also, extra traffic would encroach upon privacy of those with homes along the trail. Leave it as it is.

Keep the trail use to pedestrian use only between Falkirk and Jackson School bridge (this is a fragile nature area and needs to be protected). Go ahead and improve access from the Community Park to the power lines for both pedestrian and bike use.

environmental impact by removing vegetation

It would cross individual property lines (at least 20 homes) that back up to the trail. It will decrease home values in the immediate area. It is unsafe for mountain bikers and children to share this trail as a road to travel off main roads and it would degrade the nature of the trail.

Bikers hog trail, scatter mud on me at times. Most are polite but many are not. Keep the trail pedestrian only

Q4

If you could change anything about the New York Creek Trail, what would you change? (270 responses by locals)
Unfiltered responses

I would allow bicycles on the trail as well as poop bags at both ends for home owners who walk their dogs on that trail.

wider and smoother surface. Make it a good place to walk, run, bike and take the dogs.

Allow bikes to use it and have rules of the trail reminder signs posted for those new to sharing a bike trail that allows bikes and walkers.

More signage for safety purposes. Add some areas for sitting.

Brush it to 8 feet wide and improve sight lines

Allow bikes to use the trail, as they already do now. I have two small children who I take on the trail. The villages have no sidewalks, so the trail provides a safe alternative to riding bikes without cars.

Bike access back.

Allow bicycles

Extend it all the way to Folsom Lake; I had heard that that path did exist 30 years ago.

Make it multi-use with signage to encourage trail users to yield to others. Allow bikes by all ages.
trail widening and paved bike path

Allow bikes

Make it safe for biking

Allow bikes and widen it

Allow bikes.

more reliable ways to cross the various places where there is water flowing across the path, and where there is a path across the stream leading directly to Stephen Harris park

Would have dual trails - one for mountain bike riding and one for pedestrians.

widening and new signage would be an asset

widen it - I like the idea about new signage with community involvement to create the signs

Allow bikes and widen the trail

Allow bike access

Increased enforcement by EDSO, if CSD staff have no enforcement powers other than "warnings". Violation of bikes on trail should be deemed "infractions" as per Veh. Code cited at kiosk. No enforcement of bike ban in 20 years has given bike community sense of lawlessness.

I really enjoy it and have never had a problem with bikes on it.

The proposed widening and signage

How do you monitor kids hanging out on trail smoking pot

officially allow bikes

Enforcement of no bicycle ordinance especially in those areas where the trail is narrow and the ground is ricky and uneven.

I would widen the trail to make it safer for both bikes and pedestrians. It's a treasured resource in a suburban setting designed for community recreational use. Let's make it more useable and safe for all residents. Thank you.

CSD's intent to try to alter it's natural state.

First priority should be correcting drainage. It is the biggest problem on the trail, leading to the greatest widening and degradation of the trail. Second priority is clearing some encroaching brush (particularly poison oak) and overhanging branches that even walkers need to dodge.

The polarized constituencies in the community over the nature trail

Speed limit on bikes and dogs must be on leashes -- otherwise signs with millage and nature information would be fun

Widening it would make it a little safer.

Signs to read pedestrian traffic only.

Even out some of the ruff washed area and clear brush that blocks the view around turns

Just take care of it (overgrown) and stop neighbors from acting like they own it to exclude anyone.

Love the idea of descriptive signage.

The signage to clearly indicate that bikes are NOT allowed at all entrances to the trail. Otherwise keep the trail as is. In future the CSD Board should attempt to be more honest in their dealings and not push through their own personal agendas in such an underhanded method.

More weed abatement for fire protection.

The policy to allow cyclist.

More patrol by the Sheriffs Department. Sick of people smoking weed out there. Slight widening would be okay as well. Maybe 4 feet.

I would make it more accessible to all uses

I would like to see it maintained better in regards to the clearing of over grown bushes and trees

Remove rocks, mounds, branches and brush for pedestrian safety

The drama caused by neighbors

Plant shade trees in areas along trail without trees
I'd get rid of the sewer smell under the power lines, add more benches and maybe a bridge over the low spots that are little creeks when in the winter. I'd allow bikes!!

Make it wider and have it accessible for bikes and walkers.

the signage so that it makes it clear that this is a pedestrian only trail (the only one in EDH) and that no bicycles are allowed and dog owners must pick up after their dogs.

Allow bike access

Make it more multi-use for recreational and safety usage.

The no bike policy. More places for dog walkers to deposit their dog waste.

Remove berry bushes & poison oak in trail as needed.

More rattle snake signs!

clear the dead brush which is a disaster waiting to happen. The houses on both sides of the creek are uphill from the trail. A fire would create an inferno with huge loss of life and property. Public safety should come first. I have contacted the fire marshall and he says it is the csd's responsibil

Make it longer

More enforcement of the current NO bikes allowed policy with better signage and monitoring.

I would try to lengthen it and connect it to the Folsom Lake trail at New York Creek

Allowing it to be shared by hikers and cyclists

Widen and signage.

I would like to see clearer posting of pedestrian-only nature of the trail and obstacles to reduce illegal use of trail by cyclists

Add additional seating areas. Improve the walking path in trail areas that have rocks protruding from underground.

Make access easier; use signage along the trail. I think a small handful of people use the trail because it isn't well kept and poses safety issues.

Allow bikes

Allow bikes

Allow bicycles! This is the safest way for my child to get to school. (We live near Jackson and he'll go to Oak Ridge.)

I would widen it or improve it for walkers and runners but I would also like to see bars of some sort to keep bicyclists off the trail.

Please add signs that adequately point out the NO BIKES ALLOWED trail policy. Do not hide this policy in the fineprint.

Perhaps remove some of the underbrush so that cougars cannot hike there.

Some excessive foliage and debris could be cleared from the creek area.

SEE PREVIOUS COMMENT

Put in some kind stepping stones or low bridge to cross the drainage areas into the creek so that these areas can be made passable in the rainy season.

Clear out some overgrown brush, but otherwise leave as is.

New signage produced by the Oakridge youth allowing both bikes & pedestrians access to the New York Creek Trail.

Officially permit bicycle riding, invest a little time and money into trail user education, add interpretive signs, live happily ever after. Just some regular brushing needs to happen to keep sight lines open and keep trail users from getting poison oak or scratched by blackberry bushes.

put up signs saying Pedestrian Only

put up no biking signs

Improve the travel over water features, more benches to rest, smooth out some of the ruts in the trail. Although, biking the ruts are kind of fun/challenging, might be easier for smaller bikers to maneuver. I love that spot in town!!

I would change the no bikes policy. I walk the trail every day. The bikes I encounter are always nice and polite. The people i have issues with are the ones who let their dog off leash on the trail.

Allow bikes.

Right now I know you're trying to change it for bicycles I do not want to change for bicycles I want for Destry ins only so you could clean up
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<td>Pave it so it's easier to spot wildlife on the trail.</td>
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<td>I would change the signage that says no bikes so there are no conflicts for usage of this beautiful community asset.</td>
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<td>I would definitely allow bicycles on the trail. This is a huge family community and many children and adults have been using this trail for years without incident. We would like the rules changed to formally allow bicycles.</td>
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<td>I would it restored to how the trail was before the bicyclists tore up the dirt on it. The bikes created holes in the dirt on the path and increased the showing of rocks under the dirt.</td>
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<td>Remove some of the bigger rocks. I've fallen a couple of times.</td>
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<td>I would put a bridge in where the Stone Gate tributary joins the New York creek</td>
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<td>I would make sure everyone in the community can respectfully use the trail.</td>
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<td>Add a few flat rocks that are stable to cross full, flowing creek. Nothing more. Perhaps some mosquito abatement but this is not modifying trail.</td>
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Any other comments or suggestions about possible improvements to the New York Creek Trail?
(159 responses by locals)

Unfiltered responses

Keep it open to bicycles and runners/pedestrians. Our kids need a safe place to ride their bikes.

Just discovered the trail so I don't have sufficient information. Sorry.

Repair damage and erosion from bikes

Perhaps small, but sturdy bridges over the three creek crossings.

The trail should be able to be used by all, including bikers, runners, walkers, and dogs that are on leash with their owners. Making a trail only accessible by one group is wrong. Adding signs would also be a welcome addition.

Let all enjoy the trail. We all are part of the community. It is not just for a special few people to enjoy.

I believe you could cut the weeds back to a 8-10 foot width without disturbing anything that was naturally there.

If bikers and hikers can respect each others space there is no reason that they shouldn't be able to both use the trail. If for allowing bikes access becomes a problem and bikers are not respectful of the trail or others that are using it then it should be changed back to not allow bike use. It should at least be given a chance to work. This is a safer place to have kids ride bikes than allowing them to ride on the street. Many people that live here in EDH have mountain bikes and would like to give their kids an opportunity to try it and it would be nice to allow them to use the trail legally and safely.

It is a nice asset to the community.

Multi-use trail! Maybe schedule a walk/bike event on the trail with all users so that we can see that we can coexist on the trail.

Would prefer bike improvements (bike lane) elsewhere in EDH for example along high traffic Silva Valley Pkwy which is currently deadly and heavily used. Similar to the expansion of Francisco drive which is excellent for bikes! As bikers/walkers come off the trail onto Brackenwood place there should be SLOW signs and/or crosswalk to park as most people come around blind corner onto street where cars go fast. Leashes should be mandatory on trail (dogs not safe for kids). Cover exposed drainage pipes. If bikes allowed then designate the Jackson School lot as trail parking (not Brackenwood).

No

Please allow bikes. I have bikes for years and almost never even see anyone on the trail while I was using it.

It's charm is, it is. No need to do something for the sake of doing something, like the ridiculous fence put up be the archery area.

Good luck with this project! It has been a defacto multi use trail for years, and this has not been an issue. Trail maintenance such as clearing the overgrown bush is much needed.

Just trim back some overgrowth. No need to make it much wider than it already is.

Leave well enough alone!

NONE except keep the bikes off the trail.

Better signs prohibiting bikers
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<td>Thank you for considering the input.</td>
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<td>Keep it the same!!!!!</td>
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<td>Let people walk or bike or whatever it’s fun and it’s fine.</td>
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<td>Do not ever pave this trail ...would be nice if we could remove invasive species and the excess debris from the creek bed..was a lot nicer before the blackberries took over</td>
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<td>Pedestrian Only Signs at start, frequently along, and at end (Jackson Elementary footbridge). Bikes can cross creek from Brackenwood entrance with proper outreach.</td>
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<td>Safety and emergency info on signage</td>
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<td>New York Creek is a wonderful community asset that is compatible for hiking, biking and running. It should be considered a multi-use trail. It serves as an important off-street connector to other trails in our region. Basic signage and periodic maintenance will help promote safe trail use.</td>
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<td>It is admirable there is conversation about improving the trail since there are not alot of this type of trail in EDH with good public access.</td>
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<td>Unfortunately not familiar with this and upon the second question I mistakeingly hit a button and could not return to correct it. Not food</td>
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<td>Signs would be good but dot not disturb natural path at all.</td>
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<td>Simple. Officially allow bikes, and open up sight lines to increase safety.</td>
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<td>I think it's a beautiful trail and probably should leave it alone</td>
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<td>Keep in mind that improvements may be suitable for portions of the trail rather than the full trail. The trail has been a walking trail and whatever improvements are put in place they should not deter the ability to continue to safely use the trail for this purpose.</td>
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<td>I responded incorrectly to a question that should have been to allow bikes as well as walkers. I think I just said walkers. Don't know how to go back and fix it. I love these Flash Votes!</td>
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<td>I appreciate the passion on both sides. I enjoyed walking it with my son and didn't mind the bicyclists that came through (there are already people that bike it - again, I don't because of the rules). The challenge is enforcement of the current rules; it's not realistic or cost effective. It seems by supporting both bicyclists and walkers, it will generally support greater use and enjoyment of the trail by everyone. It could also strengthen the community; now their is a growing riff and could easily escalate to uncomfortable confrontations and get worse. If the opposition to bikers is so strong, this could also be an opportunity to build more trails in the area. This would spread out the trail utilization and maps could educate bikers of the alternatives.</td>
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<td>Please do not do anything to this trail except stop the bikes and motorcycles. It is beautiful the way it currently exists.</td>
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<td>Just leave it alone for everyone to enjoy. If bicycles are racing this trail, then it's to dangerous to walk. Thank you.</td>
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<td>I object to widening and allowing bikes on the trail. Keep it natural as is.</td>
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<td>My family and I have used this trail for hiking, running, and biking for 17 years. Maintain it for safe use for the community and move beyond the ongoing squables by a few vocal people.</td>
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<td>I will be following up with an email due to text limitations of current flashvote configuration.</td>
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<td>Connect the New York Creek Trail to other dirt trails</td>
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<td>None. For 30 years is been know predominantly as a pedestrian trail and could we please keep it that way? Thank you.</td>
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<td>Please keep the walking trail as a walking trail. It is an inefficient and ineffective use of CSD funds to widen the trail. My wife and I use the trail daily and do now want to see any changes made.</td>
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<td>maybe a picnic table near the water might be fun</td>
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<td>I love that the high school students have designed interpretive signs for the trail. I cannot wait to see them in place. I think they will be a lovely addition to the nature trail. I am a very frequent user of the trail and I have never had an issue with cyclists. In fact the only negative incident I have had on the trail involved someone ranting about some of the blackberry scrub that had been removed to allow water to drain to the creek; which is something I think was long overdue to be cleared up. My children enjoyed walking and riding the trail for many years and neighborhood children still use it for recreation despite the odious signage that was put up a few weeks ago. I firmly believe that the signage should be removed and modified. The restrictions on those signs are impossible to enforce and unnecessarily harsh. Please allow the community to use the trail as it has been, peacefully, for the last 25+ years.</td>
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<td>Let neighbors know that the use of pesticides in their gardens is eliminating frogs and bees.</td>
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<td>The signage will be a great improvement- educational science information will benefit the entire community!</td>
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The present CSD is the first in thirty years to turn their backs on a commitment to the community to keep this trail pedestrian only. This flash vote process disenfranchises a portion of concerned residents. The letters to CSD by affected property owners should bear more weight in this issue. The signs stating “welcome to new york creek nature area cooperatively manged by citizens and local government” has been hijacked by CSD management and their biking cohorts. CSD has taken the community off the tracks and is headed for a nasty crash.

Doesn't need full widening tone a good trail for all to use. Save $ and develop new trails to help connect safe ways to get around.

Don't look at the trail as one. You could improve parts to make it safer.

It seems to me, the overwhelming number of local residents, bicyclists and pedestrians, do not want any physical changes to the Trail. The proposed improvements would actually result in a degradation of the existing environment.

The NYC Trail does not need any "improvements." The existing little footpath is already appropriately scaled for that narrow corridor. The trail should stay pedestrian-only. Any widening or "improvement" will bring in more bike riders from out of EDH. The trail wrongly is already heavily advertised online as a bike route. An improved trail would be even more heavily promoted online than now, increasing bike traffic immensely. Widening highways or bikeways to improve congestion only creates more congestion. Leave the trail as maintenance-only and enforce the bike prohibition. A community the size of EDH deserves at least one pedestrian-only trail.

More frequent clean up. Some additional monitoring to make sure the trail is not abused.

Honor the history of the trail and preserve the pedestrian only status. NO BIKES

Leave it alone. I like the natural environment. That includes the skunks, snakes and every other critter. To allow bike rides would change that and encourage illegal activity. We already had a fire behind us.

Love the trail!!!

I believe the proposed changes would provide a great benefit to the community

N/A

People bike through anyway might as well let them

Please do not allow bikes. They are dangerous to walkers and joggers and wildlife. This is a nature trail, first and foremost. There are other venues for bike riders

None, other than to maintain existing trail so that it is safe to walk.

Anything that keeps the natural setting for walking. No widening unless a hazard exists.

Clear brush but do not widen. Make it open to all users.

No

Please keep this trail the way it is there are multiple bike paths already

The property owners along the trail have legitimate concerns that must be listened to before making any "improvements." This is right in their backyard and, come on, spend the money elsewhere. Why would CSD make ruining their living situation a priority so bike riders that live elsewhere can have a few minutes of fun that they can have on every other trail? It's a great walking trail that I enjoy, but mountain bikers change the quiet enjoyment immensely. Let us older walkers keep our one trail and respect the promise made to us in 1986. Clearing some of the excess foliage would be nice, place large signs saying NO BICYCLES OR MOTORIZED VEHICLES, keep the narrow nature trail width. Let bike riders on the county trail go on to Tam O'Shanter to connect with the Community Park. There is a crosswalk across St. Andrews Drive there. There is no crosswalk for the trail. Please espect your residents along the NYCreek Trail.

The improvement is leave it to nature!

N.Y. Creek trail is the only place my 3 & 6 year old children can safely ride their bikes without traffic. It would be a disservice to the community to impose use restrictions due to a vocal minority. If not a full time multi use trail a fair compromise would be to institute an even/odd day policy that would allow for all community members to enjoy the trail.

Maybe more trash cans on trail . We live close to trail and see littering .

Listen to the residents of el dorado Hills, not outside influence

none

Extend through power line areA to promontory park

Maybe to keep dogs on leash policy more strict and keep poison oak from the immediate trailway.

The New York Creek Trail is a valuable feature to the community. In its current condition it offers a nice scenic and safe route for pedestrians and cyclists to use.

Decomposed granite paths would make trail running more enjoyable.

There are other options for cyclists already... Silva Valley road has bike lanes. There are very wide, pre-existing, dirt fireroads which are adjacent and parallel to Silva valley road between Charter way and Harvard Rd -- why can't they be offered? Just because a nice trail exists does not mean that it must be shared by all possible groups.
Just to trim back the berry bushes and shrubs. Let BIKES on the trail. The bikers are a lot more courteous than the people who let their dogs run off leash.

Maintain the brush next to trails more frequently. It became overgrown very quickly after rains.

I think many members of the EDH community are aware that we have such a nice nature trail in our midst. It would be great to see CSD showing pride in this natural area in its current state, rather than trying to "improve" it.

Leave it alone. The people who have been walking the trail for the last 18 years like myself want you to preserve it the way it is. Please do not widen it. Please do not add bikes.

More accessible trails with a variety of uses will serve more residence.

Adding signs is just not needed and should not be a priority. But definitely do NOT widen or otherwise modify the trail! This would have a negative impact on those who live closest and use it most!

Keep pedestrians only please

No

Keep the brush down if possible.

We need to respect the rights of the individuals who live and use their trails. Bicyclists have access to Silva Valley’s bike lanes and/or can drive through the neighborhood. The New York Creek is a nature trail and should be kept natural.

Yes. I have submitted extensive comments, which I have asked the CSD directors to share with the board of directors of the CSD. I will send these comments to the board of directors personally, as it seems that much effort is being made to bury community concerns. Why are you so intent on pushing through a project that the community does not want? What promises have been made for a $200,000 project, and to whom? With all due respect, this smells so much of petty corruption, and makes me wonder what other projects are being pushed without community input, and with which financial kickbacks or undisclosed agendas. What could possibly justify a two day window for this survey, in a process that in total has been ongoing for years?

I used to be a teacher at Jackson Elementary and would walk down to the creek at lunch. I loved to hear the frogs croaking during the spring mating season. As the new homes went in the frogs died out. I would love to see the fawna of the creek restored.

I like the rustic nature of this trail and the shade the trees provide. I don't think there would be enough shade available with an eight foot trail.

Leave the trail the way it has been for years and allow bike access. Children going to school and junior and high school mountain bike teams have benefited from access for years without disturbing others.

SEE PREVIOUS COMMENT

Please do not allow cyclists on the trail. There need to be pedestrian only areas some place in the community. The trail is meant as a nature trail. The entire nature of the trail will change if widened. It won't be a nature trail anymore. Having cyclists roar up and down the trail will destroy the tranquility of the setting.

N/A

This is a very special area that I enjoy walking through. I would not feel safe anymore if this would be opened to mountain biking.

Bicyclists and Pedestrians agree that we do not want to widen the existing path. Why does the CSD keep pushing this project? Who stands to gain from this? This is beginning to smell of corruption. Do we need to look into other CSD projects?

No additional comments.

Only that the trail should be kept useable by clearing any obstacles which may block access from time to time (fallen trees/branches) and keeping the vegetation from over growing onto the walking path. Other than that, nothing else.

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH SIGNS

Leave it alone please@

I commend CSD for dealing with the vocal minority who has made this non-issue a ridiculous issue. Nobody can change history, and the history of this trail for the past 20 years is bicyclists and pedestrians have safely shared it. I'm sorry you have to deal with anti-bike zealots.

p.s. Let's build more trails in EDH so this isn't the only neat trail people utilize :-)

Permanently protect as pedestrian only

Put up not bike signs and then fix the damage bikes have done to the trail, and the erosion this creates

Now I'm curious. I'll have to drive to it and take a walk with my walker. It has wheels. If the trail isn't too rocky, I can probably do it.

Stop calling them improvements. They are not. Stop spending our money on this and spend it something which will really benefit the community.

none

I like the ideas about signage.
The policy should change to allow bikes on the trail. I am not a bike rider but my son is. We live in Fairchild Village and it is a nice trail for a quick ride to get out and burn off some energy.

It's a nature trail and as such no improvements are needed

On behalf of the cycling community we appreciate your hard work and attention to detail while handling this issue. Cyclists have been coexisting peacefully on this trail for the 20 years that I have lived in El Dorado Hills. I understand that it only takes a one or two very vocal community members to spin a situation out of control. Thanks again!

Please continue to allow mountain biking on the trail.

It is perfect as a nature trail!

No but I would really like to see the path to Sellwood Field (Bass Lake Park) paved.

No

Allow bicyclists. They already use the trail, and will continue to do so, so why not make it safer for all users. Also, since the current rules do not allow for bikes, high school kids are not allowed to ride it or they will be dropped from their biking team. They are now forced to use our un-safe roads to ride bikes. This is horrible!

Nothing else.

Bikes yes, no signage or trail wideing needed. Lets spend where it’s needed. Sidewalk and bike lane along green valley!

no Bikes

Sheriff Department, must immediately begin to enforce “no bike policy!”

I think interpretive signage would compliment the nature trail, and be a great outdoor education resource for our community. Allowing bikes would take away from the natural ambiance of the trail, and make it less safe for pedestrians (especially in the section between Jackson and Falkirk, where there are several tight turns in the trail). There are numerous trails and areas for bike access in the community, but no other pedestrian nature trails. Please do not change the policy to allow bikes on the New York Creek Trail.

Leave it alone. No changes are needed. 100 % opposed to ANY modifications.

It’s a nature trail. Keep it that way.

The trail bed in some areas could use some work to improve drainage in the winter months. When water accumulates people walk around the puddles and cause erosion to the trail.

Go ahead and construct the bridge over the New York Creek to Tam O’ Shanter Dr., as has been approved. Place a sign at the trail entrance, north of the bridge to specifically state it is for pedestrians only.

We have used the trail as a family for several years. It's a great place to teach kids how to mountain bike.

Put up signs that state no bicycle riding on the trail. Put up signs that remind people to keep their dogs on a leash while on trail.

Finish the bridge connecting it to Tam O’ Shanter Dr.

Poison oak management

This community needs more connecting trails for the kids to be able to ride to and from all the schools in the area.

I have walked the trail with my dog hundreds of times and really enjoy it. In all the years of walking I have had only one close call with a cyclist traveling to fast around a blind corner. If the trail is made to wide it will lose its outdoor appeal and I would think a mountain biker would prefer to keep it a single track.

Yes, leave it alone!

Clear signage for bikers and Peds regarding right-of-way passage (bikers yield to Peds) and allow access for both bikers and Peds. Keep our kids safe and off the roads for passage to/from school !!

Educational sign to express trail etiquette are pretty standard on most multi-use community trails. Could be useful here too. e.g. bikes yield to pedestrians etc. Love seeing families out on the trail walking, biking and enjoying nature!

We bought our house near the trail because we love the trail and wanted to be able to use it as a family. El Dorado Hills has no bike paths and this is one of the few safe places our children can ride SAFELY to the CSD pool, swim team and Jackson Elementary School. We see so many accidents on the corner of Charter and Silva Valley and we love that our children have a safe trail off the main road to ride independently.

Organize the irresponsible dog walkers for a mandatory poop cleanup! :) Ok, maybe that won't fly, so add more poop stations.

I have used the trail hundreds of times over the past 4 years. I have walked it solo and with friends and family. I have run it. Seasonally I have picked a few blackberries there. Leave well enough alone. Replace the vandalized signage prohibiting biking. Issue tickets occasionally to scofflaws and publicize it.

Spend our money elsewhere
Post "Pedestrians Only" signs and cut the dry and dead grass along and above the trail. We need to reclaim the parts along the creek to bring it back to what it was before pedestrians destroyed it. They have built paths to the creek and are pushing across the creek. Doing so destroys natural habitat for critters and plants. Widening the trail invites bicycle and motorized use of the trail. I have actually stopped motorcycles and ATVs from using it.

Please leave it alone.

Everyone can share it, we are a community after all.

Keep its present character the same, maintaining the current trails in good walking condition.

Please don’t change anything. Please leave it alone and stop all the bikes and motorcycles from traversing this trail.

CSD’s attempt to ramrod their position regarding bikes on the trail.

Please keep the trail as is and maintain the pedestrian only classification. Increasing bike traffic will endanger pedestrians who are out to enjoy and explore nature. There are plenty of other trails in the area for bikers. The bikers will claim that everyone should have access but it is common within the outdoor community for certain activities to be limited based upon the natural environment.

As I said previously, only minor brush clearing for improved security gut lines is needed.

Thanks to the EDH CSD for taking on this project and working through the controversy.

- signage to prohibit bikes
- Try to keep clear for poison oak. Thank you!
- Just normal maintenance of trimming vegetation and repairing erosion.

NYCreek trail needs to be multi use it alleviate trail user conflicts.

- accelerated trail damage in past 5 years due to mountain bikes; -NO ONE wants to physically modify trail (triggers signif environ impact/cost); -Residents deserve peaceful, preserved, pedestrian-only nature area; -CSD & EDC have plans already in progress to increase region bike use including: Connector to western destination points ACROSS the NY Creek; -Mtn bikes cannot be accommodated EVERYWHERE, esp this ½ mile segment; -CSD DO THE RIGHT THING! Keep 30-year old pedestrian-only status and permanently protect/preserve this small, unique and environ sensitive nature area in the middle of our residential community.

- No
- Keep trail clean of brush
- Consider having crews remove any poison oak.
- Put more signs and enforce the no biking current designation between Falkirk and Jackson School

None.

Keep bicycles off the trail.