

## CLINTON RIVER TRAIL SURFACE SURVEY

### FIRST CHOICE

Crushed Fines 16

Asphalt 23

Stabilized Stone 14

### SECOND CHOICE

Crushed Fines 19

Asphalt 11

Stabilized Stone 23

**TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVEYS RETURNED TO DATE  
JUNE 18, 2004**

**53**

## COMMENTS

1. We like to cross country ski. Trail should also look natural. Asphalt doesn't.
2. [Crushed files & stabilized stone] good for running!
3. Crushed fines much too dusty – don't even want to go biking on it – even your shoes are a mess!
4. Asphalt is safest means for multiple use.
5. Why not make Stabilized Stone path 3 feet wide rather than 6 feet to lower cost? Do not like Stabilized Stone as much as Crushed because bikers can still go too fast creating hazard.
6. Stabilized Stone offers the best and most natural pathway for bike riding, walking hiking, and cross-country skiing.
7. The Paint Creek Trail is an excellent model for what we want.
8. Strong preference for asphalt – used by ALL!
9. Inline skaters and bikers would go too fast on asphalt. I can see someone getting hurt.
10. The State of Minnesota has almost all paved bike paths and uses them to promote tourism quite successfully.
11. Do it right the first time. Asphalt enables an extension/connection to downtown.
12. A more natural appearance is preferred [to asphalt].
13. No asphalt. Inline skaters shouldn't be on trails like Paint Creek or new trails!!
14. Paint Creek Trail surface is great – I use it often. Inline skating on trails is a bad idea. Biking and walking traffic is already heavy. Adding skating would be dangerous. P.S. I love the trails!
15. Crushed fines and stabilized stone exclude strollers (the level of vibration is too much for a young child), scooters, and non-trail or non-mountain bikes (bikes with smooth tires would be too unstable and usually do not have shock absorbers). Asphalt gives the greatest number of citizens the greatest variety of uses.
16. Do not pave! Bikers will be racer types – danger to others!
17. Asphalt is not desirable because it feels like a road. Stabilized stone is very comfortable to ride on. It feels like a natural pathway without the limestone dust.
18. Stabilized stone or crushed fines are good environmental choices. Safer and slower.
19. Asphalt or stabilized stone – can plow snow in winter. Cross-country skiers can use golf course at Oakland University.
20. Even an old asphalt surface is better for road bikes than new surfaces in the other materials.
21. Separate biking and inline skating from walking path. Asphalt is easiest to walk on.
22. If you use asphalt and there's a concern about bicycles and skaters, perhaps they should put a line or rail on the trail to separate the two. There's a safety issue if they go too fast and you can't hear them. I would favor crushed fines if winter use was confined mainly to cross-country skiing.
23. A path to rollerblade on would be great in this area!
24. There is no substitute [for stabilized stone].

25. The better the surface, the more users. The more users, the more public support.
26. We have small kids still on training wheels. Asphalt is ideal for them. Paint Creek Trail is nice but too dusty and not suitable for bikes and skates. Thank you for asking!
27. Love the trail system!
28. Asphalt breaks up too quickly. No surface will suit all users.
29. [Summary of letter] Asphalt would give an alternative choice to the Paint Creek Trail and thereby provide alternative surfaces for users depending on the desired activity. If crushed fines are the choice, please make them "path pebble" size. Stones on Paint Creek Trail are too large.
30. Asphalt makes the trail useable by the largest number of people.
31. I find the stone hard to walk on so my ankles twist. Yikes!
32. Please do not use asphalt!
33. Too much asphalt in Rochester already. [Stabilized stone and crushed fines] are easier on the body when running (less pounding), also need more cross-country surfaces.
34. Asphalt is much better for touring bike tires, and mountain bike tires work well on asphalt also.
35. [Summary of letter] Wheelchair user who uses handcycle to ride bike paths & PCT. Asphalt easiest for wheelchair & handcycle. However, beginning of PCT also works well as it is small crushed stone. North of Paint Creek cider mill has bigger stones; harder to navigate. Tried the CRT between Hamlin & Livernois & very difficult because of size of stones. However, not sure if the test surface was done at that time. I appreciate your efforts to make the trail accessible to all. If I can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me (Rosemary Ryan 248-375-9174. I will be unavailable from June 11-July 6).

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