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Subject: New Trail Project- South Lake Como

I have lived in Hamilton for 10+ years and we have used the Lake Como area to recreate during every season of the year. I love having the resource so close to home! I usually try to avoid the high use times since I am often using the area for a workout (swim, bike, run, ski, hike, etc). I think expanding the trails on the south side would be amazing. In the summer I try to avoid the crowds at the beach and the boat ramp but the best loop trail option is to run around the lake. I can honestly say that given the choice I would bike or run away from the crowds whenever possible. Taking the dog out to enjoy the trails is something we do almost daily. The other reason I would love to see new trails built is because of the design aspect. Many trails that we have were not created in a sustainable way. I am guessing they were game trails or old user trails that eventually became official but straight up/down every hill is not ideal. Having well designed trails will certainly bring more people just like the ski trails do in the winter. I would hope that the new trails could eventually be a site of future events that would encourage more people to get out and exercise.

I fully support the trails!

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