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To: [Council](#)
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to the expansion of the Big Walnut Trail along Olde Ridenour. My family and I moved into the Rivers Edge neighborhood last June and have loved living in this great city. We often bike, run, and walk down Olde Ridenour to take in the natural beauty of the area. I have learned the specifics of how the expansion of Big Walnut Trail will look and I couldn't be more disappointed in the decisions that were made on our behalf. I feel that there is a need for such a trail, as I have often had to jump out of the way on a run to prevent from being hit by a car. I have not, however, ever had to get out of the way of a golf ball. Although it has been said that the citizens of Gahanna had opportunities to share concerns, I disagree and feel that it was kept very quiet and low-key to avoid any conflicting input.

The look of the fence is an embarrassment to our community and the people who live here. We take great pride in keeping this area beautiful and are offended by the decision to create a look that is only seen around prisons. We love this area, we love being surrounded by natural beauty, and we love our neighbors. We do not love what is happening down the street and urge you to rethink the decision before it turns our little corner of the world into something much less desirable.

Please reconsider,
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