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To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I are against the proposed rail trail in Sudbury and Concord, Massachusetts. We have a large property in Sudbury which is home to a variety of wild life that actively use the overgrown rail trail from sun up to sun down. We have countless photos of the wildlife using the trail. Taking down trees, disturbing the soil, making it a public path will greatly harm the wild life who cherish the quiet, overgrown path. Our property is a haven to the animals and the amount of foot, bike and people traffic that will occur if the old rail way is turned into a rail trail will take away the animals homes and sense of safety.

We also feel taking down thousands and thousands of trees to create a rail trail is bad for the environment. The old rail way should be left in it's now natural state. Nature should be left natural.

The concept of a rail trail we can see why it would be very appealing to some, we recommend those individuals to travel to existing rail trails, use the existing sidewalks in town etc. The harm to the wildlife and the environment as well as the cost seems unacceptable to consider in this day and age when the wildlife's habitats are already shrinking and to spend money on installation and up keep in an economic climate when people are worried about making ends meet and have lost their job seems senseless.

So please do not support or approve the rail trail in Concord or Sudbury we feel it will be a burden to the towns financially over the long run and habitats will be ruined forever which will then affect the variety of wildlife we are lucky to have in Sudbury and Concord. The true amount of damage to the environment and wildlife and costs of this project will only be known when it is too late to turn back and the damage will already have been done.

Sincerely,

Marianne Maurer