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February 6, 2020

To: Stacey Mulroy and the Arlington Parks & Recreation Commission

From: The Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park

The Board of the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park would like to go on record as being strongly against establishing Menotomy Rocks Park as either a formal or informal place for mountain biking.

The Park has sustained damage incurred by young bikers – including attempts to make downhill obstacle courses (cutting down saplings, making jump ramps by digging up surrounding soil), careening down the hilly areas off-path, and doing wheelies and damaging Park fields and stone-dust paths. Erosion, wildlife and pedestrian safety and flora destruction are also at issue.

We have no objection to bikers who use the existing paths, which we feel are sufficiently challenging and rocky for anyone who wants a downhill thrill.

Thank you and our thanks to volunteers who have helped mitigate the damage to the Park.

Very truly yours,

The Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park

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