



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

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Mr. Charles Cuvelier
Superintendent for the George Washington Memorial Parkway

Dear Mr. Cuvelier:

The General Council of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations has passed the attach resolution expressing the concerns of its citizens over the proposal to allow e-bikes on the George Washington Parkway's Mount Vernon Trail. It calls upon the United States Park Service to take the necessary steps to prevent, discourage, and penalize the use of e-bicycles and associated motor vehicles on the MVT. We hope you will agree to keep this heavily used and scenic trail safe for our citizens. Thank you.

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Dr. Christopher Hershey, Chief of Staff | Public information Officer, NPS
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Peyton Smith, Transportation Liaison, Office of Mount Vernon District Supervisor

**Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA)
Resolution Regarding the Use of Electronic Bicycles (e-bicycles) on
the Mount Vernon Trail (MVT)**

WHEREAS; There's a long-standing opposition in the Mount Vernon Community to commercialization and degradation of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) and Mount Vernon Trail (MVT); and

WHEREAS; There's a long-standing commitment of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations to preserve and enhance the original design and intent of the GWMP and MVT as a stately and serene entry to our First President, George Washington's residence; and

WHEREAS; More than one million individuals a year that use the MVT; and

WHEREAS; The MVT is part of the East Coast Greenway and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS; The MVT was designed and intended to be used by pedestrians and not motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS; There are increasing accidents and injuries to runners, joggers, walkers, and families due to negligent and irresponsible behavior on the MVT by some bicyclists; and

WHEREAS; Even a small number of e-bicycles and associated vehicles would negatively impact the experience of the overwhelming majority of users and disrupt the scenic and serene nature of the MVT; and

WHEREAS; E-bicycles discarded and left along the Trail for extended periods of time are creating dangerous and unsightly conditions for individuals utilizing the MVT.

THEREFORE, the MVCCA Transportation Committee declares its opposition to the introduction and use of e-bikes on the MVT and reiterates its commitment to preserving the legacy of a safe and tranquil MVT for the vast majority of users.

ALSO RESOLVED, the Committee calls upon the United States Park Service to take the necessary steps to prevent, discourage, and penalize the use of e-bicycles and associated motor vehicles on the MVT.

Approved by the MVCCA General Council on April 24, 2024