

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** Lynn, Angelo; Eric Berg; Claire Tebbs; 'Jamie Montague (jamie@maltvt.org)'; Peter Burrows (pburrows@acsdvt.org); Kniffin, Fred; Hussey, Mike; adamfranco@gmail.com; Reed, Bud; Asermily, Laura; Bethany.yon@vermont.gov  
**Cc:** Ashar Nelson; Sheldon, Amy; ecronana; John Derick; Jennifer Murray; Kathleen Ramsay  
**Subject:** Letters of Support for Commuter Path/Trail

Good Morning Engaged and Influential Community Members!

A group of citizens in Middlebury has come together around the idea of creating a new trail connection from Middlebury to East Middlebury, allowing safe commuter access, access to recreation assets south and east of Middlebury, and just plain fun healthy exercise for bikers, walkers, runners, and hikers. Our proposal would:

- Create a multi-purpose trail that connects from existing trails in Middlebury to the sidewalk system in East Middlebury;
- Provides a safe commuter trail connection to Middlebury for bikers and walkers;
- Connect our Designated Downtown (Middlebury) to a Village Center (East Middlebury);
- Creates a (mostly) flat gravel path as an easier trail option (compared to steeper existing trails) which would be good for children and families and modest recreators;
- Increases the attractiveness of both Middlebury and East Middlebury to young families;
- Provides a key connection from recreation trails in Middlebury to trail resources in Moosalamoo National Recreation Area;
- Promotes healthy activities and lifestyles;
- Provides another opportunity for recreation minded tourists visiting our community.

The group that has come together to work on this initiative includes:

MALT (Middlebury Area Land Trust) - Jamie Montague, Ellen Cronan, John Derick  
ACBC (Addison County Bike Club) – Eric Berg, Ashar Nelson  
ACRPC (Regional Planning) – Claire Tebbs  
Addison Independent – Angelo Lynn  
State Rep - Amy Sheldon

Why are you receiving this email? We are gearing up to meet with our Town Select Board next Tuesday November 27 to ask the Town to support our group in pursuing a State grant for funding to continue planning and start some construction of this new trail connection. The VOREC (Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative) grants aim to help outdoor-focused Vermont communities leverage outdoor recreation assets to improve the local quality of life and to strengthen our economy. We are asking that you write a short letter of support for this idea, from your unique position in our community, which we can bring to the Select Board on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We're asking for digital copies of letters by end of day Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

Who is being asked on this email:

MALT (Middlebury Area Land Trust) - Jamie Montague  
Middle College Rikert/Snow Bowl – Mike Hussey  
ACBC (Addison County Bike Club) – Eric Berg  
Porter Hospital – Fred Kniffin  
Moosalamoo National Recreation Area – Angelo Lynn  
Addison Supervisory Union – Peter Burrows  
ACRPC (Regional Planning) – Claire Tebbs  
Regional Walk-Bike Council – Adam Franco, Bud Reed, Bethany Yon  
Middlebury safe Routes - Laura Assermily

If you can think of anyone who may be missing from this list, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks so much for helping improve our community!

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