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To the agencies city & county that it may concern and Jeroldine;

It has come to my attention that a proposal to make the area specifically on the Dike road levee and Britt Road a public trail. It is my hope that this is simply a proposal and never become reality for at least these specific reasons.

- 1.) We already have a public area on the opposite side of the river on the old garbage dump site that allows for many different public venues. We also have many other walking paths in a closer proximity to neighborhoods with such needs. Our neighbors don't need or want any such public land use.
- 2.) Creating "public" area with what should only be used for the specific use for ingress/ egress for the dike maintained and army core of engineers under emergency conditions is far from "public" use. Thus needs a welcomed land use change.
- 3.) According to County Assessor Steve Peterson who is specifically on site today 3/20/09 assessing for 2010 stated that he himself was interested in property in this area because of the privacy value the "location" provides which is why one of the reasons the value is so high along the Dike Road to the river thus that it will "De- value home properties if changed to a "public use".
- 4.) After queering a property owner along an existing property changed such as this and getting a reply from a experienced person (Mrs. Debbie Money, a school teacher in Concrete) who welcomed & wanted to provide a setting such as proposed stated, unless there is going to be a twice weekly garbage patrol, that all efforts including providing refuse containers that were stolen repeatedly it's un-believable the amount of "public abuse" will be coming with this proposal she stated they will come from both water side & at all times of the day or night and unless it's in the budget for the Sherriff dept. the man power will simply not be enough to monitor or patrol. Thank you for your strongest consideration against any such proposal. Mary Arendse A.R.E.Realty

