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Concern: **Vulcan Lakes Development Crystal Lake.**

Dear City Council Members,

One of the main area of interest of the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates (MCBA) is providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations within the County and the Municipalities. The members of the MCBA therefore hope that the Vulcan Lakes development plans being considered provide an entrance or entrances which allow residents to access to the facilities by various means of transportation; by foot, bicycle and motorized vehicles.

It should also be noted, that although the planned development is designed to be used by Crystal Lake residents, the Vulcan Lakes property is situated such that it could provide a much needed bicycle and pedestrian link between Crystal Lake, the Prairie Trail, and Cary not only for residents of Crystal Lake but for residents of the surrounding communities. (See attached map) This is important given that Route 14 is not suitable for bicycles or pedestrians and at the same time the planned reconstruction of Rakow Road by the county does not include any accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians. It would be necessary to keep the paths open, even if the park and beach proper are closed as it would be an important transportation link.

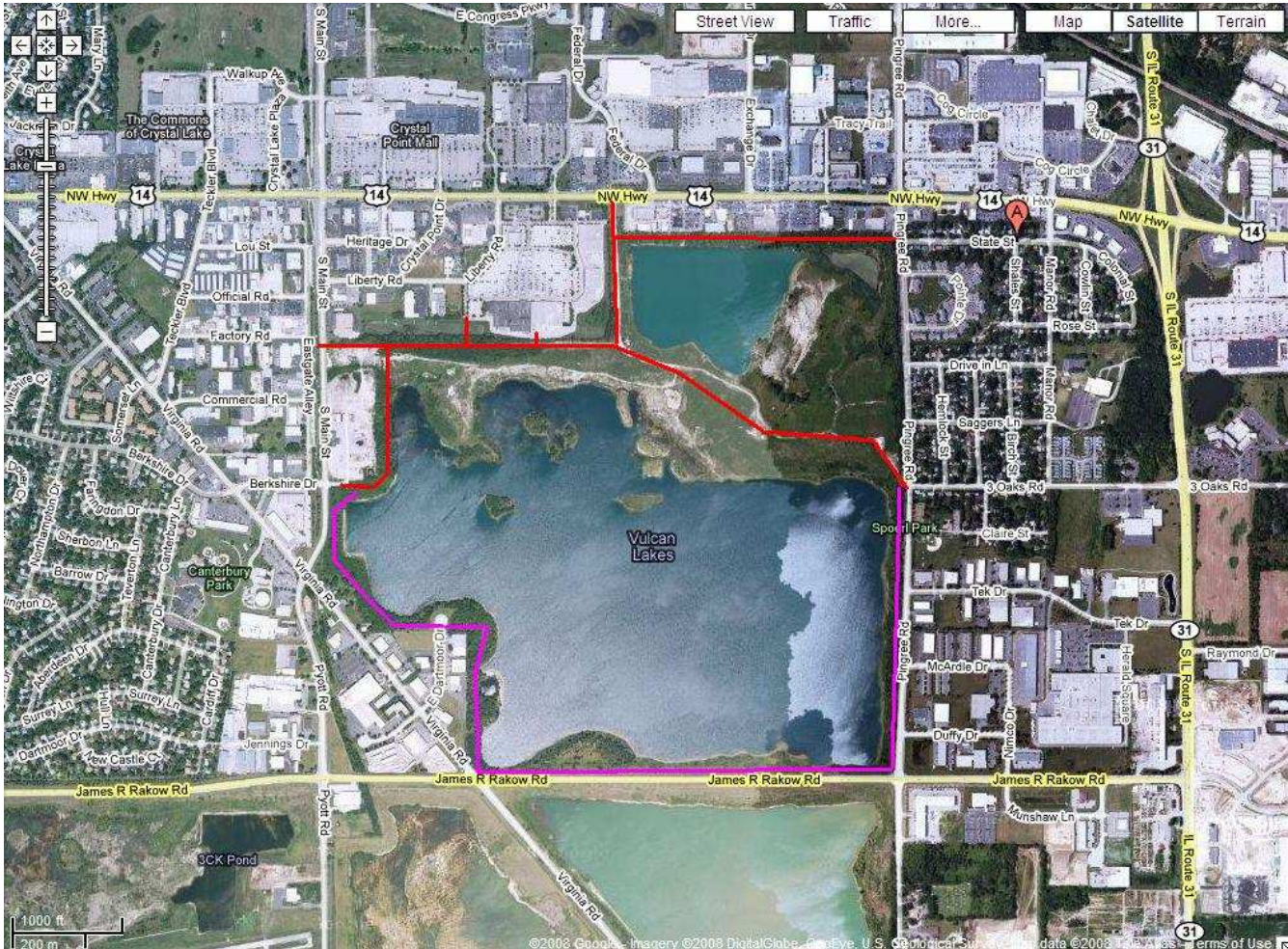
The Vulcan Lakes property may therefore be a great chance to provide area cyclists and walkers with a much needed east-west path within the southeast corner of Crystal Lake.

We congratulate you on your UDO plans and especially the sections regarding non vehicular traffic. This development would be a prime opportunity to show your support of the UDO.

For information see the attached suggestion map for a trail network around Vulcan Lakes with potentially a phase 1 in red and phase 2 in pink.

We know that Crystal Lake has very capable planners that can make this happen if there is the political will for it and we would gladly support your efforts with our knowledge and experience. Please feel free to contact us at any time. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help the process

A written response to the above suggestions would be greatly appreciated.



Hoping for a positive response,

regards **Eberhard Veit**
(President of McHenry County Bicycle Advocates)

PS: We currently have over 80 signatures for our Rakow Road Reconstruction Petition with more coming in daily and I am sure that all of the people who signed it would also support our above suggestions.

Attached: Rakow Road Petition.