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Testimony in Support of Restoring the Meshanticut Lake Walking Path

As a daily runner and proud resident of Cranston, I am writing to express my strong support for the restoration of the Meshanticut Lake walking path. This path is more than just a place to exercise — it is a vital, shared space that brings together people from all walks of life. Every day, I see families with strollers, seniors enjoying fresh air, athletes training, and neighbors walking their dogs. It is a true community hub.

However, the current condition of the path presents safety hazards and accessibility barriers that limit its use and put people at risk. Uneven pavement, erosion, and poor drainage make it difficult for many to enjoy this beautiful area. It's especially concerning for older residents, individuals with mobility challenges, and parents with young children.

Restoring this path is not a luxury — it is a necessary investment in public health, safety, and quality of life. The Meshanticut Lake path promotes physical fitness, mental well-being, and social connection for everyone in our city. It is a space that unites us.

I urge our city leaders to prioritize repairs and improvements to this treasured community resource so it can be safe, welcoming, and accessible to all Cranston residents.

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