

# Rail trail won't cause the sky to fall

Dear Editor:

"The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" That's how I feel about the rash of letters to the editor in regard to Lynnfield's proposed bike trail.

Everyone I know thoroughly enjoys bike trails. I'm most familiar

with the bike trail on Nantucket and everyone enjoys it. There have been no rapes, no murders. Peabody is very happy to have a bike trail and so is Lexington and Arlington. My friends who live there love their bike trail. It is an asset to the towns. There is no safe place to

ride bikes in Lynnfield with its narrow streets, parked cars and normal traffic. What a treat it would be to be able to safely ride between our neighboring towns.

In regard to the 12-year-old, who

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wrote that MarketStreet took away his sledding hill, try Reedy Meadow Golf Course or ice skating at MarketStreet. Turning the no longer used railroad tracks into a bike trail will not take away our history but will get people to appreciate it even more. It will change our town for the better.

Phillip McQueen thinks we're inviting trouble to have the trail near our schools. On the contrary, more of our students would be able to safely ride their

bikes to and from school. Sexual predators, robbers, drug addicts, murderers, danger lurking behind multitudinous trees, environmentally damaging ... oh, please! Typically the bike trails are filled with families and adults recreating. If you are afraid to use the bike trail, by all means don't. But don't keep the rest of the community from enjoying it.

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