
[EXTERNAL] Concerns About Voigt Park Pathway Project

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To Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

To the Historic Detroit Commission,

I live near Voigt Park and was not contacted about the plans to install 6-foot-wide cement pathways. I support improving accessibility and maintaining walking paths, but I believe the neighborhood should be involved in a design meeting before construction moves forward.

Voigt Park has stayed healthy because of its natural setting and mature trees. Cement paths could harm the soil, change the natural grade, and threaten tree roots that help manage drainage in the park. Using a narrower, more natural and permeable material would protect the park's character while still improving accessibility.

Please hold a proper community design process before any construction begins.

Thank you for your time and for listening to feedback from residents.

Sincerely,

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