

March 6,2018

For: Mr. John Willey

Re: Flint Hills Nature Trail

Testimony for SB331

Dear Sir:

The Flint Hills Nature Trail runs along the front of my property on John Brown Highway, Osawatomie Ks.

This property was supposed to revert back to the land owner after the railroad abandoned, but that was not the case.

I have visitors wanting to ride bikes that think my driveway is for their parking, leaving their vehicle to where I am unable to get out of my driveway. I put up a no-parking sign (Attn: private driveway) It was torn down. I will be calling tow trucks this spring when the riding becomes more active.

This trail is constantly a problem. Bikers leave me their trash, including dirty diapers on my lawn. There is no privacy, people come further down my driveway to turn around.

I was told that the state may take over the maintenance of this trail? Are they going to pick up the trash and issue citations for all of the misconduct? The four wheelers love this trail too. They enjoy whizzing up and down late in the day.

It's heartbreaking for those of us that moved to the country for the peace and quiet. It has disappeared because of this trail. Why is it that we invested in real estate to only have to deal with others taking use of it, and trashing it?

Please address this and give us help and hope.

Sincerely

Valerie Henson

