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Hi Beth.

As we have discussed in the past, the popularity of Swope Park often creates parking issues at peak times. When the parking lot is full, cars will park on the road which can create a hazard.

On the southbound (west) side, cars can get their wheels off the roadway only when there are no snowbanks. On the northbound side, most cars will park with two wheels on the roadway to avoid the drainage ditch, except near our driveway. When cars are on both sides, it creates essentially a one-lane travel way.

Additionally, during heavy usage, there will be a large number of vehicles parked on both sides of the road, both north and south of the parking lot entrance. When this occurs, it is extremely difficult to exit my driveway safely. I have attached a photograph that was taken earlier today. Although it illustrates the problem, this was not taken at peak—it is often worse than this. It also creates an issue for vehicles leaving the parking lot.

I have had to wait to get into my driveway while vehicles that parked on the road are turning around, adding to the visibility problem. In fact, on several occasions, I have been blocked <u>IN</u> my driveway by people who drove up to the house to turn around! Each of the southbound vehicles in the picture will turn around in our driveway.

This has been a long-standing and ongoing issue of both inconvenience and safety. I would appreciate a discussion with you about how to resolve it to everyone's satisfaction so we can all enjoy the trails safely. Perhaps allowing parking on only the west side of the road would help.

Respectfully, Phil Donovan 42 Long Pond Road

