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Copenhagen trail will become an albatross

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Concerning the recent article with the proposed walking trail in the village of Copenhagen, I, along with some concerned village taxpayers, are pondering the necessity of this frivolous project. The proposed trail tends to indicate a want, rather than a need, project and in time could be an albatross around the neck of the village taxpayer.

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There needs to be a feasibility study initiated by the Village Board rather than just having a few individuals residing outside the village spearhead this undertaking. The village will be required to provide \$1,000 in local taxpayer money along with funding provided by grants from New York state. Like all government giveaways, the money provided initially came from taxpayers. Due to the present state financial crisis, the days of wine and roses are over. So as not to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, municipalities must refrain from seeking state and federal handouts.

Should the trail be completed, there will be an ongoing expense with the upkeep. No doubt this expense will fall on village property taxpayers. The funding of the trail should be funded with donations by the users.

Rather than be involved with the walking trail, the village of Copenhagen needs to be committed to more important issues. First and foremost, it needs to take on a more aggressive mode with the implementation of the recently enacted property maintenance law as to cite violators.



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Sections of the law need to be piggybacked with the Lewis County local law No. 3 on junkyards in eliminating a few junkyard conditions. This action along with eliminating a few vacant, blight-condition structures to have the owners upgrade or demolish them.

When the above two conditions are addressed, it will definitely improve the aesthetics of the village. Since the enforcement of the laws is already tax funded, no additional funds will be required.

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