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Doran Engineering

From: Mark VonColln

Re:

Cresson Hill Walk Way

Date: 6/20/2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my concern over a stone walk way path leading from the rear of the Tilton 8 Movie Theatre to the rear of the Cresson Hill Apartment Complex. In my 26 years of working in this City as a police officer I can tell you that any pathways through the woods in the rear of the Tilton 8 complex have been nothing but problems. These paths have served as "getaways" for a multitude of people who have committed thefts, burglaries, and continually trespass onto Tilton 8 Complex businesses' and Gurwicz properties.

The woods to the rear of the Theatre have also served and still do to this day, as a small homeless encampment for vagrants. Just last week, 6/13/24 I observed a small living area in the woods with chairs and other amenities set up for a prolonged stay. These petty annoyances should not be ignored and have in the past lead to more serious offenses. If this pathway is continued or remains in place, it's existence may also place anyone walking it in danger due to the aforementioned circumstances. The addition of graffiti on the rear of the building, lack of lighting both on the rear of the building and the pathway, and lack of public visibility, could also contribute to inappropriate behavior by less scrupulous people.

In conclusion, I would urge you to consider these factors before mandating any continued pathway that connects Cresson Hill Apartments to the rear of the Tilton 8 Complex. In fact, I would promote the opposite and erect a fence to maintain a barrier separating the two properties. If you would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact me.