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Comments: I send this comment in support of the Trails at Mena project. Our community has seen little to zero growth in the last several decades, causing our youth to move away, as there is little opportunity for them here. The implementation of this project, in my opinion, will bring growth in several areas including population, jobs, economy, and more, all while encouraging our youth to come back home and raise their families.

The Trails at Mena project will also add to our already budding tourism industry that is firmly ingrained in Outdoor Recreation. The trails will fit right in and expand a rapidly growing industry in our area.

I urge you to push through the permissions necessary to implement the Trails at Mena project, as it is fully supported by many of us in Mena and the Polk County area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards, Melanie Wade