

BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Supervisor Haschak,

The Brooktrails Fire Department supports your efforts to move forward on initiating the process of road closures on Dogwood Terrace and Dogwood Lane in Brooktrails. Our support for the road closures is geared toward preventing continued criminal activity there and facilitating effective clean-up of the growing volume of illegal dumping.

These two uninhabited streets have become a magnet for not only illegal dumping, but also water theft, arson and trespassing, crimes that could be reduced in frequency if vehicle access were further restricted. Regular calls to the Fire Department and District office are made by residents who are greatly concerned with the volume of illegally dumped household waste and small fires. Restricting vehicle access to these areas with k-rails or by other appropriate means will reduce the ease by which large illegal dumps are made. Restricting vehicle access also helps facilitate both remediation and prevention of other criminal activity.

If Dogwood Terrace and Dogwood Lane are closed, access by our emergency responders to fires in this area can be achieved through alternate back routes. We do not want the process of street closure to be held up by County concerns of Brooktrails Fire Department being able to access this area in an emergency. We support the road closures and efforts to reduce or end criminal activity on these uninhabited County roads.

Thank you,

Jon Noyer Fire Chief