

Eldora Civic Association

Policy Statement on Proposed Vacations of Roads and Alleys June 8, 1997

In keeping with recommendations from the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan (EEPP) to preserve pedestrian access to local trails and to implement land conservation priorities, the board of trustees of the Eldora Civic Association (ECA) adopts the following policy regarding proposed vacations of platted roads and right of way in Eldora.

In general, vacations of platted roads and alleys in the Eldora valley are discouraged. A proposal to vacate a portion of land is to remove it from the public domain. Therefore, in our opinion, the only type of proposal to vacate that should be favorably considered by the county commissioners is a proposal that clearly serves the public and environmental interests of the Eldora valley.

To help delineate these public and environmental interests, the board has established the following criteria regarding proposals to vacate roads or alley ways:

1. Rights of way should be preserved for: all existing pedestrian trails; trails that that have fallen into disuse; and potential future trails in selected areas.
2. Public access to Middle Boulder Creek should be preserved.
3. Homeowners' access to existing homes should be preserved.
4. Ecologically sensitive areas such as riparian area, wetlands, old-growth forest, critical wildlife habitats, etc., should be preserved.
5. Homes presently sited on public rights of way should be allowed to vacate as necessary to secure clear title.
6. Proposals to vacate to facilitate construction of new homes are discouraged.
7. Regarding proposals to vacate that facilitate development should be compatible with the topography, vegetation, and general character of the Eldora valley.
8. Proposals to vacate that do not meet the above listed criteria should be considered on a case-by-case basis when the property owner makes additional provisions to the proposal that are clearly in the interest of the Eldora community. Such provisions might include the granting of pedestrian easements, land exchanges, or other similar contributions toward open space and land preservation.

This policy statement was affirmed by unanimous vote of the board of trustees of the Eldora Civic Association on June 8, 1997.