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HOW TO SAVE THE CITY OF SAUGATUCK ONE MILLION \$\$\$

My name is Betsy Muir and I live full time with my husband Jim at 120 N. Maple Street, which will be rebuilt over the summer of 2026. Currently, it is my belief that this construction will include a sidewalk on the west side of the street. I am asking that you consider the following items before the sidewalk construction takes place.

1. It is my opinion that only Saugatuck citizens should be able to weigh in on the sidewalk discussions as our homes will be the ones that are impacted by a sidewalk.
2. There are no sidewalks on Mason Street or North Avenue where the Maple Street sidewalk could connect.
3. No sidewalks exist on Taylor, Taaken, or East and West Streets. Why should Maple be any different?
4. Maple Street is ONE BLOCK away from the Blue Star bike/walking path that connects to the Allegan sidewalk.
5. Jim and I have lived here 19 years and find there is very little pedestrian traffic on our street. The elementary school is in Douglas, so the only kids who would possibly walk to school would be middle and high schoolers. I have yet to see any of them walking from Maple Street to school.
6. A shoulder on the road would take up less easement. I believe the current plan is to move the street one to two feet closer to our home, use 5 feet for a buffer and then another five feet for a sidewalk. This would interrupt our driveway for company parking. Additionally, who would be responsible for shoveling the snow on the sidewalk?
7. Finally, perhaps a shoulder on the east or west side would still allow for foot traffic and would be less invasive.

Thanks very much for considering these points. Eliminating the sidewalk would save the city one million dollars and could be used for other city improvements. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Muir
120 N. Maple Street
