



# **I Need Help! Partnering Trails with Emergency Response Services**

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# The Gold Standard

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# Alternatives

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- Call boxes
  - Signage on trail
  - Patrolling by police
  - Volunteer patrols
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# Call Boxes

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# Signage

## Greater Greater Washington

The Washington, DC area is great. But it could be **greater**.

### BICYCLING

#### 911 dispatchers not aware of Metropolitan Branch Trail

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A group of young men tried to push a cyclist off his bike on the Metropolitan Branch Trail yesterday. When he called 911 to report the incident, the dispatcher seemed unable to enter the incident into the database because the trail isn't a "street".

Brookland resident Laura [reported](#) on the MPD 5th District community listserv,

*My husband has started riding his bike on the Metropolitan Branch Trail between Brookland and downtown. Yesterday evening around 6:30pm a group of 6-8 young men were gathered along the trail in the area between the NY Ave Metro and Rhode Island Ave Metro, and attempted to push him off his bike. He was riding fast, so they weren't able to do it, and fortunately nothing else happened.*



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# Police Patrols

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# Patrols

