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city's recreation center.

"It might work out to be a good thing," he said.

Friends of Big Creek chair Bob Gardin said the trail, which could cover about three miles, would allow public access to the southern stretch of the MetroParks, which would be more than 40,000 residents primarily in Brooklyn, Cleveland and Parma.

"It's a major link in the system," he said.

Gardin said the plan was first envisioned by MetroParks founder William Stinchcomb in 1917, but because of private development within the city of Brooklyn it was never implemented. He said the new proposal could incorporate some commercially developed areas such as Cascade Crossings.

Gardin said Friends of Big Creek met with the Cascade Crossings management board almost two years ago and that they were supportive of the idea.

Meanwhile, Gardin said the lower Big Creek study, known as the Greenway Restoration Plan, is already underway. That project is being administered by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

* 40,000 residents and employees living or working within one mile of the alignment.