

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.07

IN RE: In Support of the Greene County Master Trail Planning Effort

WHEREAS, Greene County is home to over 68 miles of paved multi-use trails, 36 miles of river trails and a wide variety of hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails as well as is part of the nation's largest paved trail network; and,

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals, both local residents and visitors, annually utilize Greene County's growing paved trails network, and Greene County's municipalities have extraordinary opportunities with the Ohio to Erie Trail, connecting Cincinnati to Cleveland, and the Great American Rail-Trail initiative, a cross-country trail that connects Washington DC to Washington State, traversing our region; and,

WHEREAS, there is a desire to develop a unified vision for trail development among partnering local governments, Greene County Parks and Trails, Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and other stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township recognizes the benefits of trails and trail planning, which include:

- Creating healthy, thriving communities
- Revitalizing neighborhoods and increasing property values
- Promoting economic development and growth
- Providing safe recreational and transportation opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Helping to retain and attract residents and businesses
- Closing gaps in the trails network
- Increasing individual choice of travel mode and facilitating active transportation
- Reducing roadway congestion and improving air quality
- Enabling extension of valuable infrastructure into rural areas such as water/sewer, broadband/fiber and other utilities; and

WHEREAS, trails support the health, safety and wellbeing of the general public within and surrounding our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sugarcreek Township does hereby proclaim its full support of the efforts of Greene County Parks and Trails and Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County to develop a Greene County Master Trails Plan and will participate in the planning process and will provide assistance within the capacity of our resources.

Carolyn L. Destefani, Chairperson

Nadine S. Daugherty, Vice Chairperson

Michael E. Pittman, Trustee

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer