



**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.07.19.06**

IN RE: In Support of Sugarcreek to Spring Valley Connector Trail

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,

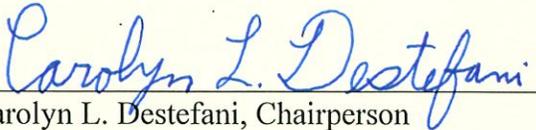
WHEREAS, more than one million individuals, both local residents and visitors, annually utilize Greene County's growing paved trails network, and Greene County's municipalities have extraordinary opportunities with the Ohio to Erie Trail, connecting Cincinnati to Cleveland, and the Great American Rail-Trail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

WHEREAS, there is a desire to integrate Sugarcreek Township by way of connecting to the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Spring Valley; and,

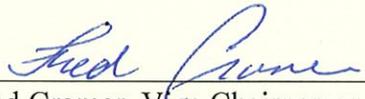
WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township recognizes the benefits associated with the Sugarcreek Township to Spring Valley Connector Trail, which include:

- Trails mean business - not only will these projects generate economic activity in terms of tourism & local business for the municipalities, region and state, but they will also facilitate home-based workers and entrepreneurs who live or want to live in rural areas.
- Trails attract talent and businesses, creating healthy, thriving communities with diverse populations.
- Trails support the health, safety and wellbeing of the general public within and surrounding our community.
- These projects will greatly improve safety, especially for families and those with mobility challenges, allowing access to a variety of amenities and critical destinations without requiring driving/motorized transportation. Trails are linear parks that expand transportation and recreation opportunities.
- Active transportation - walking, biking & rolling - is one of the most effective strategies to respond to climate change and lower our carbon footprints.
- These projects expand the Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network, which currently represents 360+ miles of connected multi-use trails.
- Connecting communities to the overall network directly addresses racial equity and provides a way for those without access to cars/public transit to get to food, jobs, health care and other essential services.

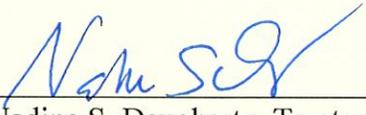
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sugarcreek Township does hereby proclaim its full support of the Sugarcreek Township to Spring Valley Connector Trail and will participate in the planning process and will provide assistance within the capacity of our resources as needed.



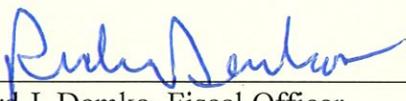
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