

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE BUFFALO COUNTY RECREATIONAL REGIONAL TRAILS PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Buffalo, Wisconsin is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for citizens throughout the region and recognizes that the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities and regional assets via a network of trails and greenways; and

WHEREAS, the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" recommends linking trails and greenways together, gaining cooperation to encourage regional collaboration, and to create a network that will provide transportation, exercise, leisure, safety, accessibility, recreation and community benefits aimed at enhancing the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many communities, agencies, and trail advocates in the region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

WHEREAS, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting reduced congestion through non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for transportation, recreation and exercise to everyone, including children, youth and families, schools and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the health and economic viability of the region through encouraging active lifestyles, increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" provides the foundation for a long term strategy that will continue to grow and to provide an invaluable resources for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and will only increase in the future; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to proclaim its support for the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" and express its commitment to the promotion and continued development of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Buffalo :

SECTION I: That the Township of Buffalo hereby proclaim its support for the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" and is committed to the promotion and continued development of the "Recreational Regional Trails Plan" and in concept to working with neighboring communities to plan, design, build and maintain a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.

SECTION II: This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 12/16/2014

Effective Date: 12/16/2014

ATTEST: Joan M. Braten  
Township Clerk

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Board Chair