

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2013

In Support of Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks Capital Bill Funding Request to Extend the Olentangy River Greenway Trail from Worthington to Highbanks Metro Park.

WHEREAS, the Olentangy River Greenway Trail is the busiest trail in the State of Ohio as determined through traffic counts summarized by the Rails to Trails Conservancy; and,

WHEREAS, this well used alternative transportation corridor stretches from near downtown Columbus, north along the Olentangy River, through Worthington and currently ending in a commercial area north of Interstate 270, a couple miles south of the logical terminus of Highbanks Metro Park; and,

WHEREAS, the extension of the Olentangy River Greenway Trail to and through Highbanks Metro Park would provide an important and desirable link for transportation to and from work locations, residential neighborhoods, shopping areas, and provide more bike and pedestrian connections for Worthington residents; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks has submitted a Capital Bill Funding Request to acquire the necessary land and to fund the construction of the trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Worthington City Council supports the extension of the Olentangy River Greenway Trail from its current ending point up to Highbanks Metro Park.

SECTION 2. That the City of Worthington recognizes the benefits of this trail connection to the residents of Worthington and of the surrounding communities.

SECTION 3. That the City of Worthington is prepared to continue working as a partner with Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks on the management of the regional trail system.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in full in the appropriate resolution book.

Adopted December 9, 2013

[Signature on File]  
President of Council

Attest:

[Signature on File]  
Temporary Clerk of Council