

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Bloomington hereby certifies that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 2015-3, a resolution of support of the Minnesota Valley State Trail in Bloomington, Minnesota. Passed and adopted January 5, 2015. This resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Bloomington, Minnesota.



Janet K. Lewis

Janet K. Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dated this 12th day of January, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 3
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY STATE TRAIL
IN BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bloomington is the official governing body of the City of Bloomington (City); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota River Valley comprises the south and east border of the City and is a unique and valuable natural, cultural, and recreational resource for the City, Region, and State; and

WHEREAS, providing public access to the Minnesota River Valley is a shared goal of the City, the Region, and the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 the State Legislature authorized the establishment of the Minnesota Valley State Trail (State Trail) extending from Fort Snelling to Le Sueur, MN; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, in its 2014 Bond Appropriations bill, authorized \$2.165 million to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop the segment of the State Trail in Bloomington from the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center to the Bloomington Ferry Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the State Trail is intended to allow all members of the public to access and enjoy the Minnesota River Valley and will be designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and local, state, and federal trail requirements; and as such, the State Trail corridor as proposed by the DNR is comprised of one corridor that incorporates both a natural surface trail and a hard surfaced multiple-use trail; and

WHEREAS, the State Trail corridor location and alignments of the two trails are yet to be determined by the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has identified the State Trail as an important public facility in several of its plans, including the Alternative Transportation Plan (adopted 2008, currently being updated), the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (adopted 2010), and the Minnesota River Valley Master Plan (in progress); and

WHEREAS, the DNR is seeking general support from the City and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to proceed with preliminary and final engineering plans for the Bloomington segment of the State Trail, which will be located on land owned by the City and USFWS; and

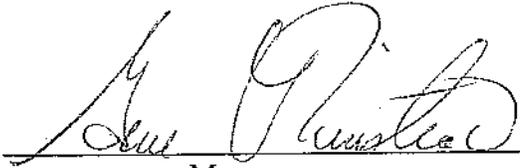
WHEREAS, the DNR, in partnership with the City and the USFWS, will develop and implement a public communication plan to provide ongoing information regarding the design and implementation of the State Trail and identify opportunities to solicit public input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington in regular meeting assembled, adopts this Resolution in support of the DNR efforts to proceed with preparation of preliminary and final plans and specifications for the State Trail through Bloomington, including, but not limited to, trail alignment and design, acquisition of needed right-of-way or easements, and peripheral improvements (e.g., bridges, culverts), at no cost to the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after detailed plans are completed and prior to the start of construction, the DNR will execute a cooperative agreement with the City of Bloomington addressing City review and approval of the final State Trail alignment; DNR obligations for construction, operations and maintenance; and any special provisions needed for the project; and

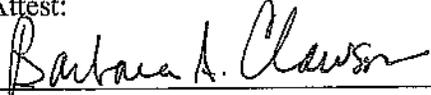
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the DNR Representative, Cynthia Wheeler, at 1200 Warner Road in St. Paul, MN 55106

Passed and adopted this 5th day of January 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



Secretary to the Council



Resolution Number 2015- 3

The attached resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Bloomington on January 5, 2015.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were 7 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

COUNCILMEMBERS:	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Gene Winstead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia Bemis Abrams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Baloga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tim Busse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Carlson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dwayne Lowman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Oleson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

ATTEST:

Barbara A. Claus

Secretary to the Council