

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2023-03
Resolution to Support the "Berrien County Trails Master Plan"**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgman, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, held at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106, on the 9th day of January 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Present: Bonkoske, Boyd, Sr., Hahaj, Rose, Stine, Trapani
Absent: Gipson

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Hahaj:

Resolution to Support the "Berrien County Trails Master Plan"

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgman is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for citizens throughout the region and recognizes that a network of trails in Berrien County will contribute greatly to quality of life by connecting people, communities, and regional assets; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berrien County Trails with its partners and steering committee has engaged Berrien County municipalities, the County, and its residents in the development of a countywide master plan for trails; and

WHEREAS, the "Berrien County Trails Master Plan" presents a county-wide vision and recommends increasing cooperation and collaboration 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 those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

WHEREAS, trails will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by promoting reduced congestion through increasing safer non-motorized transportation options; and

WHEREAS, trails 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 "Berrien County Trails Master Plan" provides the foundation for a long-term strategy that will continue to grow and evolve and will provide an invaluable resources for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgman has identified the provision of trails as a priority in the future planning of Berrien County in order to improve connectivity between communities, places of interest and destinations and enhance quality of life and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bridgman is committed to the promotion and continued development of the "Berrien County Trails Master 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.

Be it further resolved that the City of Bridgman will incorporate the "Berrien County Trails Master Plan" into our master plan, recreation plan and other relevant planning documents.

AYES: Hahaj, Rose, Stine, Trapani, Bonkoske, Boyd, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gipson

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


SHEILA REITZ, Clerk
City of Bridgman

Certification:

I, SHEILA REITZ, duly appointed Clerk in and for the City of Bridgman, Berrien County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council during its Regular Meeting, held on the 9th day of January 2023, and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Sheila Reitz, Clerk
City of Bridgman



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