

**HAGAR TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION  
BERRIEN COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, Hagar Township is committed to 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 has engaged Berrien County municipalities, the County and it's residents in the development of a countywide master plan for trails; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan recommends 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 have taken a lead in planning and or building local trails, which is enhanced by connecting to a larger regional network of trails; and

WHEREAS, trails will help improve the quality of the air we breath 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, and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

WHEREAS, trails have an impact on the health and economic viability of the region, increase levels of tourism, enhance property values, add jobs, and attract and retain businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Trails Master Plan provides the foundation for a strategy that will continue to grow and evolve and will provide invaluable resources for our families; and

WHEREAS, HAGAR TOWNSHIP has identified the provision of trails as a priority in the future planning of Berrien County to improve connectivity between communities, and enhance quality of life and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of the region;

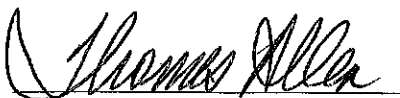
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Hagar Township is committed to the promotion and development of the Berrien County Trails Master Plan and to work with neighboring communities to plan, design, build and maintain a system of trails that will connect our communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hagar Township will incorporate the Berrien County Trails Master Plan into our Master Plan, Recreation Plan and other planning documents;

The following Resolution was offered by Peter Colovos, supported by Tom Allen

Ayes:

Nays:



Clerk

2/13/2023  
date