

Resolution to Support the Indianapolis Vandalia Trail & White Lick Creek Greenway

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide natural, scenic, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are vital assets to our local neighborhoods and surrounding business community, improving property values and providing opportunities for economic development; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are good for the public health of our residents, offering places close to home for physical exercise, mental relaxation, and family recreation; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide good transportation routes, offering clean and safe alternatives to motor transportation; and

WHEREAS, on the west side of Indianapolis, the White Lick Creek Greenway is a north-south component of the Indy Greenways Masterplan, following the East White Lick Creek corridor to connect 4 trail systems, 3 parks, and 5 neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on the west side of Indianapolis, the Vandalia Trail is an east-west component of the Indy Greenways Masterplan and of the 160-mile cross-state National Road Heritage Trail initiative to reconnect 30+ communities across Indiana's Historic National Road corridor, one of the earliest thoroughfares to western settlement; and

WHEREAS, the \$250 million dollar Infosys project, the completion of the Westside Revitalization Plan, and the West Washington Street reconstruction project, are giving the west side of Indianapolis a much needed upgrade which these 2 trails will complement by inspiring further private investment along the West Washington Street (Historic National Road) corridor, and the nearby neighborhoods, Fleming Garden, Mickleyville, Ben Davis, Bridgeport, and the rest of southern Wayne Township;

NOW THEREFORE, _____ (name of group) strongly supports the creation on the west side of Indianapolis of the Vandalia Trail and the White Lick Creek Greenway, with near term connections from Plainfield and the Indianapolis International Airport area to Mickley Avenue and to Rockville Road and long term connections to the center of Indianapolis and to northwestern Wayne Township and calls upon all residents, civic groups, businesses, and elected officials to also join and support this effort.

Signed: (officer) _____

Office: _____ Date: _____