

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS TRAIL PROJECT
WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Trail Project is an effort led by Trail Advocates of Summit County, and joined by Summit Metro Parks and Metropolitan Regional Transit Authority to construct a multi-purpose recreational trail, known as Veterans Trail, running through the cities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Silver Lake, Stow, and Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Trail was built in 1851 and used as a railway, which has been abandoned since 1996; and

WHEREAS, reconstruction for use as a railway would require tremendous investment in order to support rail traffic again and, as such, the owner of the railway, Metro Regional Transit Authority, has expressed an interest in re-purposing the right-of-way to be used as a multi-purpose trail; and

WHEREAS, it has long been recognized as an ideal multi-purpose trail opportunity and has been studied for more than 16 years; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Trail will provide recreational enjoyment for the residents of Hudson, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Advocates of Summit County have determined that a multi-purpose trail constructed on a railway is safer, because it is level, generally straight and has far less intersections with vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way passes through a densely populated section of Summit County yet includes stretches that are quite secluded and very scenic from Seasons Road to Barlow Road; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Veterans Trail would connect with seven other existing or planned trails, ideal for recreational and commuter travel, including the existing Summit County Metro Parks Trail located in southern Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Trail Project will provide a safe place for recreational use by cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to express its support of the Veterans Trail Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Council hereby expresses its support for a recreational multi-purpose trail on the portion of Veterans Trail currently owned by the Metro Regional Transit Authority located within the City of Hudson, Ohio.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21-59 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2021.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council