

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
June 14, 2017

BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
FIVE MILE CREEK GREENWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, physical inactivity contributes to chronic obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic diseases, and premature death; and increasing physical activity can reduce morbidity and mortality associated with these diseases, reduce health care costs, and improve mental well-being;

WHEREAS, creating a built environment conducive to physical activity, including trails, is an established public health strategy;

WHEREAS, the 2014 – 2019 Community Health Improvement Plan for Jefferson County, called "Community Matters 20/20," includes strategic priorities to optimize the built environment and to promote physical well-being through healthy lifestyles;

WHEREAS, the Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District ("District") is a domestic nonprofit public corporation under §11-99B-1 et seq. Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, formed March 24, 2010, for the purpose, among others, of purchasing and developing a Rails-to-Trails project to serve the residents of Jefferson County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the District developed plans for a trail approximately 16.5-miles long, to be known as the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail ("Trail"), which comprises a portion of the path of an inactive rail line known as the CSX Cane Creek Branch Railroad, and which would connect the cities of Graysville, Brookside, Gardendale, and Fultondale, and serve as the backbone of the 35-mile Five Mile Creek Corridor, and ultimately afford the opportunity to connect the cities of Tarrant and Center Point through a network of trails, many of which have been completed or are slated for construction soon.

WHEREAS, some of the cities within the District have agreed to create trails and greenspaces that will feed into the Five Mile Creek Greenway, greatly enhancing the amount of greenspaces available to the residents of North Jefferson County and increasing the ability of residents to live active, healthy lives. Examples of these additional trails systems are the Brookside Greenway System, Gardendale Urban Trail System (GUTS), and the North Aqueduct Trail in Tarrant.

WHEREAS, developing the 16.5-mile Five Mile Creek Greenway will create the longest multi-use trail in Jefferson County.

WHEREAS, the Board is advised that the cities of Adamsville, Birmingham, Brookside, Center Point, Gardendale, Graysville, Fultondale, and Tarrant are within 5 miles of the trail, and 6 are categorized as low income cities.

WHEREAS, the Trail will serve a public health purpose by: 1) improving health and encouraging healthy lifestyles, 2) providing buffers to 29 miles of intermittent and perennial streams; and 3) improving social determinants of health by providing public park and recreational spaces.

WHEREAS, the District has been awarded a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant, which covers 80% (\$849,120) of the anticipated \$1,061,400 purchase price of the 16.5-mile right of way of the old rail line corridor used for the Trail, and the District has raised the remaining 20% (\$212,280) match for the Grant.

WHEREAS, the District advises additional funds in the estimated amount of \$98,400 are required to update the environmental assessment, and provide for necessary legal and other closing costs to purchase the land with some urgency to finalize the purchase of this land before the federal CMAQ Grant opportunity expires.

WHEREAS, the District passed a Resolution May 18, 2017, attached hereto, affirming plans for the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail purchase and requesting financial assistance to finalize the purchase of the land.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Jefferson County Department of Health is authorized to transfer \$98,400 from its unrestricted General Fund net assets to the Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District to finalize purchase of the land for the 16.5-mile Trail thereby benefiting the public of Jefferson County, Alabama.

- 2) The Health Officer is authorized to take necessary action to transfer said funds.



Max Michael III, MD, Chair
Jefferson County Board of Health

May 18, 2017

**FIVE MILE CREEK GREENWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT RESOLUTION
Purchase of Land for the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail**

WHEREAS, the Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District ("District") is a domestic nonprofit public corporation under §11-99B-1 et seq. Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, formed March 24, 2010, for the purpose, among others, of purchasing and developing a Rails-to-Trails project to serve the residents of Jefferson County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the District developed plans for a trail approximately 16.5-miles long, to be known as the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail ("Trail"), which comprises a portion of the path of an inactive rail line known as the CSX Cane Creek Branch Railroad, and which would connect the cities of Graysville, Brookside, Gardendale, and Fultondale, and serve as the backbone of the 35-mile Five Mile Creek Corridor, and ultimately afford the opportunity to connect the cities of Tarrant and Center Point through a network of trails, many of which have been completed or are slated for construction soon.

WHEREAS, some of the cities within the District have agreed to create trails and greenspaces that will feed into the Five Mile Creek Greenway, greatly enhancing the amount of greenspaces available to the residents of North Jefferson County and increasing the ability of residents to live active, healthy lives. Examples of these additional trails systems are the Brookside Greenway System, Gardendale Urban Trail System (GUTS), and the North Aqueduct Trail in Tarrant.

WHEREAS, developing the 16.5-mile Five Mile Creek Greenway will create the longest multi-use trail in Jefferson County.

WHEREAS, the District further understands that the cities of Adamsville, Birmingham, Brookside, Center Point, Gardendale, Graysville, Fultondale, and Tarrant are within 5 miles of the trail, and 6 are categorized as low income cities.

WHEREAS, the District has been informed that the Trail will serve a public health purpose by: 1) improving health and encouraging healthy lifestyles; 2) providing buffers to 29 miles of intermittent and perennial streams; and 3) improving social determinants of health.

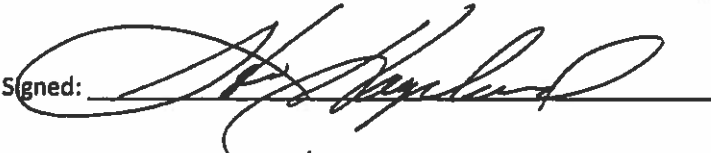
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WHEREAS, additional funds in the estimated amount of \$98,400 are required to update the environmental assessment, and provide for necessary legal and other closing costs.

WHEREAS, there is some urgency to finalize the purchase of this land before the federal CMAQ Grant opportunity expires.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Five Mile Creek Capital Improvement Cooperative District:

- 1) Requests financial assistance from the Jefferson County Department of Health to provide the remaining funds of \$98,400 to finalize purchase of the land for this 16.5-mile Trail that is expected to be a public health benefit to citizens of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Signed: 

Name: STAN HOGELAND

Title: Mayor, City of Gardendale
President, Five Mile Creek Cooperative District