

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-017R

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

(To Plan and Create a Public Greenway and Bike and Pedestrian Multi-Use Pathway along the Boneyard Creek Corridor from the University of Illinois Campus to Downtown Urbana)

WHEREAS, the Boneyard Creek is a valued natural water course which flows through the center of our community; and

WHEREAS, considerable attention, planning, and resources have been expended in the past to address Boneyard Creek flooding and bankside deterioration (1978 Boneyard Master Plan), and more recently, beautification of the Boneyard Creek to transform the Creek into a desirable public amenity (Boneyard Creek Improvement Plan, 2008), resulting in the construction and dedication of Section 3 of the Improvement Plan between N. Race Street and Broadway Avenue (2014); and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Boneyard Creek Master Plan westward is both necessary and desirable to create a complete public greenway with a bike and pedestrian multi-use pathway connecting the University of Illinois campus to downtown Urbana; and

WHEREAS, such a pathway would provide a significant extension of the Kickapoo Rail Trail through Urbana going westward; and

WHEREAS, completing the Boneyard Creek Path westward is supported in the Urbana City Council and Mayor Goals document (2014-2017); and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") seeks community partners, organizations, and agencies to support the planning and creation of the extension of the Boneyard Creek Master Plan westward, and to assist the City in identifying the necessary resources to acquire available properties and prepare planning for such an amenity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

The Mayor and City Council of Urbana invite the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, partners of Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS), and all other interested agencies and organizations to partner with the City of Urbana in achieving these goals, and to work with the City to extend the Boneyard Creek Improvement Plan westward between downtown Urbana and the University of Illinois campus, and to thereby preserve the length of the Boneyard Creek through Urbana as a public trail and parkway for the posterity of our descendants.

Section 2.

A letter expressing the interest of the City of Urbana to work in partnership with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission - and other appropriate organizations - to achieve this goal shall be provided to the Commission, confirming the City's intent.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor