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September 25, 2020

Mayor James Bouley and Concord City Councilors
c/o Concord City Clerk
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Appropriating funds for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail

Dear Concord City Council:

The Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) supports appropriating City funds for the design and permitting of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail between Manchester Street and Loudon Road. This trail will play an important role continuing Concord's position as a Bicycle Friendly Community, and making Concord a more attractive place to live, work, and play. CNHBC has contributed funds and volunteer hours towards the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and pledges to continue to support the effort in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Felice Janelle
CNHBC Board Chair

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Maria & Shannon Groves <thegroves@wintergreenbotanicals.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:56 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Support of MRGT

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Hi there!

Although I'm not a resident of Concord, it is my "nearest city," where I do most of my business/shopping, and the "urban area" where I feel most at home and aligned. I'm very excited about the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and hope you will support it. I think it will make an already very live-able city even more enjoyable with better opportunities for health, eco-friendly travel, and family-friendly recreation. Please do allocate funds to this effort. Thanks!

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Hamilton, Ashley

From: Sue Metzler <smetzler@ranspell.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:11 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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To Concord City Council

I am a Concord resident and support the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and specifically, I support the allocation of City funds for the Trail. Phase II will be a great addition to the City and will link the River to the downtown area. Thank you for your work in this regard.

Sue Metzler
26 Wilson Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Steven Arndt <hanglyder@comcast.net>
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Subject: Merrimack Greenway trail in in

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Dear Concord City Council,

My wife, Kim, and I are supporters of the Merrimack Greenway Trail and believe that when it is finished the trail will be a spectacular addition to our very special Concord community. We hope that you will continue to add your support and guidance as this project moves forward.

Thanks to you all for your efforts on behalf of all of us.

Steve and Kim Arndt
173 Hopkinton Road
Concord, NH

Sent from Steve Arndt's iPhone

Hamilton, Ashley

From: ron rayner <eiwm@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 1:26 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: MRGTrail

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I support the expansion & City funding contribution to the extension of MRGTrail into Phase 2.

Ron Rayner
29 Rumford St.
Concord, NH

Hamilton, Ashley

From: David and Monique <dsmsbs@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 1:06 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Support for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Good morning, City Council Members:

We write to express support for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and hope that you and the City will vote to allocate funds for the design and permitting of the next phase of the Trail through the wetlands and cornfields between Manchester Street and Loudon Road.

We are longtime cyclists who have been active in the Concord area for over 30 years and members of the Granite State Wheelmen. We have also toured extensively in other parts of the country (and Canada) and have enjoyed the benefits of multi-use trails in many other cities and states. The economic benefits of these paved trails is undeniable. Many retail shops, restaurants and lodging establishments thrive on the traffic generated by these trail systems. In more urban areas, it's also clear that these trails serve as an important mode of transportation for commuters.

In Concord, we are fortunate to have so many beautiful resources, not the least of which is the Merrimack River and the downtown area. We believe that developing the next phase of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail would be a boon to the local economy and beneficial to residents who want to enjoy the outdoors, and to residents who want access to safer, non-motorized travel routes.

We hope you will put your support behind this worthwhile endeavor.

Regards,

David and Monique Scharlotte
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Concord

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Robert Knight <robertfknight@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 8:45 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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To: City Council,

I request your support for funding the design and permitting of the trail north to the shopping plaza. As Chair of the Concord Trails Committee I know how important trails are to the community, and how heavily they are used. Having the Greenway will offer recreational options for people who are unable to use the hiking trails, and offer that option in an area of town with few other trail options. In addition, once the Greenway links up with the Northern Rail Trail and the state-side trail system, it will bring much economic benefit to Concord from people visiting us to use the trail.

Perhaps the most important reason to support the Greenway is the quality of life enhancement it brings to the City. Our trails are an important draw for the young professionals we want to attract to the City, and the Greenway will greatly add to our attractiveness.

I am a Concord taxpayer, and I consider this an excellent use of my tax money.

Robert Knight
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Hopkinton, NH 03229

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Chris Moore <fliprollflop@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 8:54 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: MRGT

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Hello,
I would like to voice my support for Merrimack River Greenway Trail.
Keep funding/supporting it please!

Chris Moore
9 Cypress Street
Concord, NH

Hamilton, Ashley

From: shannon h <skhurley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 1:15 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: MRGT

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I am a resident of Henniker and work in Pembroke so, though I don't live or work there, Concord is my "it" town for everything else: grocery shopping, hardware stores, thrift stores, book club/store, French discussions, Tai Chi class, yoga class, the gym....

I also like to bike and commute when I can (piecemealing bike trails when possible) using my bike so I want to tell you that I really appreciate the approval of funds you gave for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. So many people will enjoy this trail and I'm glad you recognize that and the quality of life enhancement such a trail will bring to the Concord area.

Shannon Hurley

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Kay Campbell <kkcampbell43@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 2:34 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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I support the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. I also support the allocation of city funds for the trail.

I purchased a condo in Derry in 2007 located about two minutes from the Derry Rail Trail running from downtown Derry to the old depot at Windham and beyond. I walked dogs on the trail nearly every day, rode my bicycle, cross country skied, and enjoyed the peace and quiet of riding the trail; usually having the trail all to myself. There was about a 5 or 6 mile portion on the trail that was not paved, which took local patrons about five or six years to get that small portion approved. Derry residents fought that project vehemently. I did not understand their reasoning. I could not believe the difference in use. People came "out of the woodwork" to walk babies in strollers, bicycle, walk, jog, daily. It was astonishing to know that so many people had been interested in developing and using the trail increasing from hardly any patrons to the trail being busy all the time. It was such a boom to everyone in Derry who uses that trail.

My daughter and I have ridden the Northern Rail Trail nearly every weekend this summer and would LOVE to ride a trail from Terrill Park as far north as possible--eventually connecting to the Northern Rail Trail. There is no better way to see the countryside than on a bicycle. I am in favor of getting all ages walking, bicycling, reducing health risks in the USA.

Kay Campbell
Epsom, NH 03234