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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

DATE: June 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept the Donation of signage and a bench to be placed on City trails

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council approve the acceptance of these donations to the City of Concord for the purposes indicated.

Background

The Associate State Director for Outreach and Advocacy for AARP New Hampshire reached out to the Trails Committee with a proposal to donate directional and educational signs as part of a community improvement project. The goal is to make the trails more accessible and educational for all users. With recommendations from the Trails Committee, AARP worked with the Assistant City Planner to determine sign locations and content.

A member of the community reached out to the Trails Committee with a proposal to donate a bench in honor of a family member and coworker as a retirement gift. A bench location was chosen based on recommendations from Trails Committee members.

The Conservation Commission approved the proposed locations for the signage and bench, and are in support of the acceptance of these donations.

Discussion

Upon the City Council's approval, the educational and directional signs will be ordered and installed on Batchelder Mill Trails located off Batchelder Mill Road, and the Riley Trails on Hoit Road. A hike to unveil the signage will be organized with AARP NH.

In addition, upon Council approval, the bench will be installed at a vista point on the Marjory Swope Park trails for all trail users to enjoy.

Thank you letters on behalf of the City of Concord will be sent to AARP-NH and the bench donors.