

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Elizabeth Greenberg <lizgreenberg26@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:56 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Rail trail corridor purchase

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Dear City Council of Concord,

I am writing as a regular cyclist and walker on the Derry Rail Trail in Derry, NH about your vote tonight on purchasing the abandoned section of the Northern Rail Trail to help complete the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

As you likely know the Derry Rail Trail and your Merrimack River Greenway Trail are both part of a much larger envisioned Granite State Rail Trail - which will span more than 125 miles when complete - from the Salem NH border with Massachusetts all the way to Lebanon NH. A significant portion of this trail in the south and north is ALREADY COMPLETE. 50+ miles to your north - the trail runs uninterrupted from Boscawen to Lebanon! To the south the GSRT is nearing completion from Salem to Manchester. The big MISSING LINKS are between Manchester and Concord - two of our largest cities in NH - and two cities that will likely reap the biggest benefits economically once this trail is complete!!!

I urge you to move forward with acquisition of the railbed and begin building your section of the GSRT - the MGRT!! This is going to be a huge boon not only for Concord but for the entire State of NH!

I have personally experienced the mental and physical health benefits of having the rail trail developed in my community and linked safety for miles of riding and walking enjoyment into neighboring communities.

I look forward to seeing your positive vote on this matter this evening.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Greenberg

Sent from my iPad

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Michael Dempsey <nesmdriver@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:49 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Rail trail vote

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Dear city council of Concord

I am sending this email to show my support for rail trails in NH. I'm sure your aware that the vote tonight is for land that will help in connecting all NH trails from Salem to Lebanon . As an avid rider of our trail system I want you to know it is one more great way to explore the beauty of our state while getting great exercise!!

I often ride and hike with my sons and grandchildren it is a great bonding experience!!!

Please vote yes on acquiring the 6 miles of abandon railway that will be part of connecting the Granite State Railway system Thank you for your consideration Michael Dempsey

Sent from my iPhone

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Mark Connors <derryrailtrail@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:31 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Purchase of Northern Railroad for MRGT

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Dear City Council of Concord,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Derry Rail Trail Alliance in Derry, NH about your vote tonight on purchasing the abandoned section of the Northern Rail Trail to help complete the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Our Board wholeheartedly supports this move by Concord and hopes you will vote in the affirmative to not only purchase this section of abandoned rail, but work with the Friends of MGRT to then convert it into a paved rail trail. Derry purchased its section of the Manchester & Lawrence Railbed back in the late 80's and since then it has been converted one piece at a time to one of the most widely used Rail Trails in the State of NH. It has brought renewed life to our downtown business corridor and is one of the most cited successes in Derry when it comes to all walks of life - economic engine for our businesses, attracting families to live in Derry, quality of life for our residents who use the trail now for recreation, health, and even commuting and traveling around town.

As you likely know the Derry Rail Trail and your Merrimack River Greenway Trail are both part of a much larger envisioned Granite State Rail Trail - which will span more than 125 miles when complete - from the Salem NH border with Massachusetts all the way to Lebanon NH. A significant portion of this trail in the south and north is ALREADY COMPLETE. 50+ miles to your north - the trail runs uninterrupted from Boscawen to Lebanon! To the south the GSRT is nearing completion from Salem to Manchester. The big MISSING LINKS are between Manchester and Concord - two of our largest cities in NH - and two cities that will likely reap the biggest benefits economically once this trail is complete!!!

We urge you to move forward with acquisition of the railbed and begin building your section of the GSRT - the MGRT!! This is going to be a huge boon not only for Concord but for the entire State of NH and the entire Northeast region!

Please feel free to contact me directly and/or reach out to your counterparts in Derry - the Derry Town Council, Derry Town Administrator, David Caron or Derry DPW Director, Mike Fowler to discuss the benefits Derry has seen with its acquisition years ago of the railbed in our town and the development of the Derry Rail Trail. Our Derry Rail Trail Alliance has an incredible Public/Private Partnership with our Town that works very well! We would encourage Concord to do the same with Friends of the MGRT!

I look forward to seeing your positive vote on this matter this evening.

Sincerely,

Mark Connors

President of Derry Rail Trail Alliance

978-852-4390

Bonenfant, Janice

From: CHARLES BRISTOL <cbristol1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 9:29 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Good morning!

I am **writing to support** of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT in relation to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

I frequently use the MRGT from Boscawen heading north. Extending the Trail south into Concord will be a major enhancement.

Sincerely,
Charles Bristol
Concord, NH

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Connor Brown <connorbrown3437@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 7:29 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Hi City Council,

I hope you had a fantastic weekend!

I am writing to you to voice my support for the MRGT (I wish I could be there on Monday)! I think this would be a fantastic addition to our fantastic city and I hope you all voice your support to purchase the Northern Railroad corridor.

Best,
Connor Brown

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Sue Metzler <smetzler@ranspell.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 8:37 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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I support the Merrimack River Greenway Trail regarding the City Council's vote on the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT in relation to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Thank you.

Sue Metzler
26 Wilson Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

Bonenfant, Janice

From: sarah.lynn.sadowski@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:36 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Please support MOA with NHDOT for Greenway trail

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Dear members of the Concord City Council,

Please vote in favor of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT to purchase the section of railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line.

This is a rare opportunity and a chance to make our trail system more accessible to all types of users.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sarah Sadowski
South Curtisville Road, Concord

Bonenfant, Janice

From: kaunas <kaunas@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:33 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Dear Honorable City Council,

While we are unable to appear before you on May 9, we urge you to acquire the abandoned rail corridor from Horshoe Pond to Boscawen for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

It is a superb opportunity to expand recreation in our community.

Joggers, parents with kids in strollers, walkers, birders, bicyclists and outdoor lovers of all ilk will honor you for your support.

Adolphe Bernotas
Marguerite Orazi
Ward 2

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A32 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Jacinda Piroso White <jpirosowhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 7:26 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Rail trail

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I vote yes to expand rail trails for our biking walking hiking cross country skiing. Yes please
Jacinda Piroso White
37 Peterson Cir, Concord, NH 03303

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Susan Eberth <eberthsm@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:53 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: The purchase of 5.68 miles of abandoned Northern Railroad corridor

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Dear City Clerk,

I am in agreement to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the **Merrimack River Greenway Trail**.

We have a rail trail in Dutchess County, NY, that extends further than 15 miles and it is well traveled and an asset to the county. Parts of it is paved and connects to other areas of interest, such as, farmland, local towns, wetlands, parks, nature trails, lakes and scenic overlooks. It continues to be an amazing tourist attraction, well maintained by the locals and well-traveled.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

Susan Eberth

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Greg smith <gregsmith1108@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:49 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Northern Railroad Corridor

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I would to voice my support for purchase of the 5.68 miles of abandoned rail line.
Thank you for your consideration.
Greg & Pat Smith
Pembroke, NH

Sent from my iPhone

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen <ehengen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:33 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Northern Rail Corridor acquisition

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Hello,

I would like to add my strong support for the city's acquisition of this section of the rail corridor. Please ensure my 'vote' is known to the councilors.

Thank you.
Elizabeth Hengen
25 Ridge Road

Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
Consultant in Historic Preservation
25 Ridge Road
Concord, NH 03301
c: 603-724-4118

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Jeanne <murrysmimi@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:11 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Concord City Council Members,

We are voters in Concord Ward 6 and are thrilled that the City has developed a Memorandum of Agreement to purchase the abandoned northern railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line. We love the idea of a paved multi-use trail along the river through Concord that will be inviting to everyone, including the elderly and those with mobility challenges. Few trails in town are fully accessible. Please vote in favor of the purchase.

Jeanne North
Page Cannon
41 Warren Street
Concord, NH 03301

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Ray Cote <reproo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:08 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Trails

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Very important trail.

Thank you

Ray Cote

Bow pioneers 🙏👍

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Jim Crawford <crawfordjim62@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:00 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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Please let the City Council know of my support for the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT in relation to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

The Friends of the MRGT and others like myself have shown strong support for this trail over a period of many years. Please do not let that hard work and strong support go to waste.

Trails in the Concord area for cyclists and walkers are sorely needed for recreation and commuting, and to reduce auto traffic while providing healthy and safe travel. Biking, in particular, on sidewalks and roadways, is not a safe practice and can be avoided through the development of trails such as this.

I hope the capital of NH will set an example for the rest of the state by recognizing and investing in these huge advantages of trails.

James Crawford

Bonenfant, Janice

From: John Roxby/ Felice Burstein <roxby4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:59 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Greenway Trail

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We are writing to show our support for authorizing the City Manager to acquire discontinued portions of the Northern Main Railroad located between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Contoocook River for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Development of Rail Trails benefit cities and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Felice Burstein

John Roxby

131 N State St Unit 5

Concord, NH

Bonenfant, Janice

From: davidross2243@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:44 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: I support the purchase of the RR corridor

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I support the adoption of the MOA between the City of Concord and NHDOT for the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railway.

David S Ross
27 S Spring St
Concord NH 03301

David S Ross
Sent from my Dell Inspiron

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Dan Watts - KACC <dan.watts@KearsargeChamber.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:55 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Proposed Memorandum of Agreement to purchase 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad

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Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce, we would like to lend our support for the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT in relation to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. We believe this resource will be an economic boost to Concord and the surrounding towns and will be a benefit to the cities residents.

We ask that the City Council vote in favor of this purchase agreement.

Respectfully yours,

Dan Watts

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Daniel Watts
President

Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 301
Warner, NH 03278
<https://KearsargeChamber.org>

Bridging the gap between New London and Concord

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From: Debra Samaha <dsamaha@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:36 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: MOA Between City and NH DOT

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Dear Councilors,

As a longtime resident of Concord I support the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the NHDOT in relation to the purchase of 5.68 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor between Horseshoe Pond Lane and the Boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the **Merrimack River Greenway Trail**.

This will be another feather in the cap of Concord as we strive to be family friendly and offer positive recreational opportunities for the public.

Please vote to move this effort forward.

Sincerely,

Debra Samaha
11 Madison St.
Concord, NH
603-568-4858

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Liam Jewell <ljjewell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:25 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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I wanted to share with the council my support for the city's acquisition of the northern railroad corridor between horseshoe pond lane and the boscawen town line for the purposes of developing the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

My family and I are avid walkers and bikers and finding safe places for my two young children to ride can be a challenge, we would be using the proposed trail on a regular basis.

Thank you,
Liam Jewell
Penacook

Bonenfant, Janice

From: George Ingalls <daltonsrockshow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:19 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Rail trail

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Please vote in favor of the land purchase agreement. As a local citizen and tax payer i am 100% in favor of this.

George Ingalls