



FRIENDS OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL

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

October 2, 2020

re: Appropriating funds for the design and permitting of the Merrimack River Trail (CIP #543)

Dear Mayor Bouley and City Councilors:

This summer, the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail was excited to see the first section of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail constructed in Terrill Park and we are eager to continue the public-private partnership with the City to continue the momentum.

Toward that end, we enthusiastically support the appropriation of \$90,260 for the design and permitting of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Completion of design and permitting will result in a shovel ready project and place the City in a good position for upcoming grant opportunities, both anticipated and unanticipated.

The City was recently invited to apply for this year's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to fund construction of a portion of the trail between Loudon Road and Terrill Park. If awarded, it is possible that some of the City contribution for design and permitting could contribute to the 50% local match. The permitting and design work, in combination with a successful LWCF grant this year, would position the City to complete the entire trail and boardwalk from Loudon Road to Manchester Street with next year's LWCF grant round. In short, the City could be only a few years away from enjoying the benefits of a beautiful new riverfront trail in our Downtown.

The FMRGT has contributed to design and engineering for this section of trail, and has paid the City half the cost of building the trail in Terrill Park. We continue to be committed to raising matching funds to help leverage federal grants and otherwise assist as we are able.

Very Truly Yours,

Dick Lemieux, President

Hamilton, Ashley

From: Jeanne <tawinka@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 7:33 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: We Support the Merrimack River Greenway Trail!

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Concord City Council Members:

We are writing in support of allocating City funds for the continued development of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. We are avid users of the Concord Trail System and know, especially at this critical time, how valuable our City outdoor recreation areas are.

It is so exciting to anticipate a trail along the riverfront, and we hope the City continues to be an active partner!

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Bonenfant, Janice

From: marc normandin <mgnormandin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:47 AM
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Cc: Kim Normandin
Subject: Support for Merrimack River Greenway Trail

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To Whom it May Concern:

We learned that the City Council will be considering financial support of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail in its meeting on 10/13. We consider such support to be a good investment for the city. We frequently put our bikes on our bike rack to travel to places with paved bike paths (like Nashua or Chelmsford) and we have noticed that they not only get a tremendous amount of use, but also that the popularity of the trails brings development in the form of cafes, shops and housing with direct access to the trail. The quality of life improvement is a boon to the community.

We feel so strongly about it that we have made contributions to the MRGT several times along with matching employer contributions. We think that the trail, when completed, will be a huge benefit for almost everybody in the city and it will pull people from surrounding towns to enjoy the trail and spend their money. We therefore support the allocation of city funds to the construction of the MRGT.

Regards,

Marc and Kimberly Normandin
54 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH