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Mrs. Patricia Somerville, Mayor  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Mrs. Somerville,

On behalf of the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, I would like to request a resolution of support from the City of Rochester Hills for our application as a National Recreation Trail.

The National Recreation Trails program was created from the National Trail System Act of 1968. National Recreation Trails may be designated by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize exemplary trails of local and regional significance. NRT's are announced and celebrated each year on National Trails Day, which is the first Saturday in June. The benefits of this designation include:

- ◆ Access to technical assistance
- ◆ Trail markers with the NRT logo for our trail
- ◆ Access to funding opportunities that are limited to NRT designees
- ◆ Letters of support for fundraising and trail protection efforts
- ◆ Access to an Art on Trails grant program, that could help continue our art projects along the trail
- ◆ Inclusion in the on-line National Registry of Trails with a dedicated web page
- ◆ Prestige and increased visibility of being a part of the National Trail System

Currently, there are no Michigan trails with this designation. As Michigan's first rail to trail, and the physical representative of Michigan's only Millennium Legacy Trail, we feel we are worthy of this designation and would love to be the first to receive it in Michigan. Our access to historic, cultural, and natural resources, connection with other significant trails and recreation opportunities, and cooperation among different agencies and jurisdictions prove that we belong in the National Trail System.

Thank you for your support of our application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kristen Myers  
Trailways Coordinator