



Buffalo County Resolution

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Committee: ---

Department: Cty Clerk
Fiscal Impact: Yes/No

Resolution # 23-11-03

A Resolution to Support the Designation of the Mississippi River Trail Within the Limits of Buffalo County

Whereas, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail is a national bicycle route, along the length of the Mississippi River, through ten states, from the headwaters at Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico; and,

Whereas, The Mississippi River Trail was designated as one of only 16 National Millennium Trails which honor the past and imagine the future by preserving and commemorating major events and aspects of America's history and culture; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail provides access to and promotes the scenic, historic, archaeological, cultural, recreational, and natural qualities of the Mississippi and its amenities; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail is located primarily on the Wisconsin All-American Great River Road National Scenic Byway (WIS 35) between Prescott, WI and the Illinois State Line, but also routed on other state and county highways, local roads, or alternative routes for bicycling; and,

Whereas, the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission and Buffalo County, with the cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as Mississippi River Trail; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail implements Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 1.11, 84.01(35), 84.60, 85.02, 349.23, and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 400 which requires that "due consideration to establishing bikeways and pedestrian ways in all new highway construction and reconstruction projects"; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail adds value to existing roads and trails; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail is largely ready to sign and market, and many suggested improvements are already planned; and,

Whereas, The Mississippi River Trail will contribute to sustainable economic development in 33 Wisconsin Mississippi River communities; and,

Whereas, the proposed route for the Mississippi River Trail comes through Buffalo County and can therefore provide a benefit to our residents and businesses; and,



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Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail will provide increased recreational and transportation choices for individuals to enjoy the outdoors as well as provide health, economic, and quality of life benefits; and,

Whereas, the Mississippi River Trail continues Wisconsin's tradition of honoring and enhancing the Mississippi River by offering multiple bicycling experiences, each in a unique river landscape; and,

Whereas, we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Buffalo County in order to receive full benefit of the Mississippi River Trail, hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of the Mississippi River Trail, and request that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated along the following segments within the limits of Buffalo County:

Southbound: WIS 35 from north county line south to the intersection with County Trunk Highway (CTH) OO, turn right and proceed south on CTH OO to the intersection with Prairie Moon Road, turn left and continue on CTH OO/South Main Street to the intersection with CTH O/Wisconsin Avenue, turn right and proceed east on CTH O/Wisconsin Avenue to the intersection with WIS 35, turn right and proceed south on WIS 35 to the south county line.


Northbound. WIS 35 from south county line north to the intersection with CTH O/Wisconsin Avenue, turn left and proceed west on CTH O/Wisconsin Avenue to the intersection with CTH OO/South Main Street, turn left and proceed south on CTH OO/South Main Street to the intersection with Prairie Moon Road, turn right and continue on CTH OO to the intersection with WIS 35, turn left and proceed north on WIS 35 to the north county line.

(See attached map)

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:


Roxanne Helmer
Buffalo County Clerk


Buffalo County Chairperson

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BUFFALO
County



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EXISTING ROUTE - - - - -
APPROVED ROUTE - - - - -

Legend

- Interstate
- State Road
- County Road
- Water Body
- Township Boundary
- Precinct Boundary
- Section Boundary
- Quarter Section Boundary



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