

★ **Roll Call Number**
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Date May 2, 2005

**A Joint Resolution of the City of Des Moines and Polk County Concerning the
Planning and Maintenance of Trails**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and Polk County Conservation Board each operate and maintain recreational trail systems; and

WHEREAS, users of the recreational trails system want a seamless system of trails that are consistently managed and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Conservation Board staffs advise that the coordination of planning for recreational trails, greenways and linear parks will save money and better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, City Park and Recreation Department and Polk County Conservation Board staffs have developed the framework of an Iowa Chapter 28E Agreement which provides for this coordination of maintenance and planning for trails in Des Moines and Unincorporated Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the agreement framework provides that the City would transfer maintenance of approximately 11 miles of trails to Polk County Conservation Board, which would result in approximately \$20,000 annually in savings, with such cost being passed to the County; and

WHEREAS, new maintenance responsibilities passed to the Polk County Conservation Board under the agreement framework are estimated to cost \$25,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the agreement framework further provides that the City Trails Coordinator would be responsible for the coordination and planning of all City and County trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and Polk County Conservation Board staffs be directed to come back with a final 28E Agreement prior to the end of 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Des Moines City Council and Polk County Board of Supervisors agree to work out a means to adequately fund the maintenance requirements of this project.

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Moved by Connolly for the County and seconded by Brownell for the
County, and Moved by Vlassis for the City that this Resolution be adopted:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

Tom Hockensmith
Tom Hockensmith, Chairman

T.M. Franklin Cownie
T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato by BB
Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
|----------------|------|------|------|--------|
| COWNIE | ✓ | | | |
| BROOKS | ✓ | | | |
| COLEMAN | ✓ | | | |
| HENSLEY | ✓ | | | |
| KIERNAN | ✓ | | | |
| MAHAFFEY | ✓ | | | |
| VLASSIS | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 7 | | | |

| ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE MAY 2, 2005 | | |
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| E.J. Giovannetti | Yes ✓ | Nay |
| Robert Brownell | Yes ✓ | Nay |
| John F. Mauro | Yes ✓ | Nay |
| Angela Connolly | Yes ✓ | Nay |
| Tom Hockensmith | Yes ✓ | Nay |
| Yea | 5 | Nay 0 |
| Above tabulation made by <u>BD</u> | | |

| CERTIFICATE | |
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| I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted. | |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. | |
| <u>T.M. Franklin Cownie</u> Mayor | <u>Diane Rauh</u> City Clerk |