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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	ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE		CERTIFICATE
					MAY 2, 2005		
COWNIE	✓				E.J. Giovannetti	Yes / Nay	
BROOKS	✓				Robert Brownell	Yes / Nay	
COLEMAN	✓				John F. Mauro	Yes / Nay	
HENSLEY	✓				Angela Connolly	Yes / Nay	
KIERNAN	✓				Tom Hockensmith	Yes / Nay	
MAHAFFEY	✓				Yea <u>5</u> Nay <u>0</u>		
VLASSIS	✓				Above tabulation made by <u>BD</u>		
TOTAL	<u>7</u>						
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED				ALLOWED BY ABOVE VOTE OF BOARD		<u>Diane Rauh</u> City Clerk
	<u>T.M. Franklin Cownie</u> Mayor <u>Tom Hockensmith</u> CHAIRPERSON						