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Resolution to Support the Farm Heritage Trail Project

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide natural, scenic, social and recreational value to citizens; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are vital assets to our county, providing opportunities for economic development; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are good for the public health of our citizens, offering places close to home for physical exercise, for mental relaxation, for linking communities, and for family recreation; and

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide good transportation routes, offering clean and safe alternatives to motor transportation; and

WHEREAS, the remnants of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, & Lafayette Railroad/"Big Four" railroad corridor forms a natural and historic connection between the communities that they served; and

WHEREAS, the rich agricultural resources and heritage of central Indiana should be enhanced, preserved and presented for current and future generations to experience; and

WHEREAS, experiencing our agricultural heritage through the farmland, farming operations and small towns of central Indiana is ideally suited for the intimate pace of recreational tourism;

WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide a means to share utility, transportation, recreation, and communication facilities, while also providing a way to increase county revenues by leasing facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, The _____ supports the effort of the Hoosier Rails-to -Trails Council and other organizations to develop a continuous, multi-use trail for non-motorized travel along the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, & Lafayette Railroad/"Big Four" railroad corridor through Boone, Clinton, and Tippecanoe Counties and calls upon all good citizens, civic groups, and elected officials to also join and support this effort.

Signed: (officer) _____

Office: _____

Date: 4-11-05