

(Organization's Title and Logo)

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Niles Charter Township
320 Bell Road
Niles, MI 49120

RE: Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail – Niles Charter Township Proposal

To Whom It May Concern::

(You / Your Organization's Name) would like to extend their support to your Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail project, which would help complete a 34-mile multi-purpose trail connecting the communities of Niles city, Niles Charter Township, St. Joseph County (IN), Roseland, Notre Dame and Mishawaka. (You / Your organization) is excited to see this trail near completion and look forward to having safer, non-motorized options connecting walkers and riders to:

- 4 universities and numerous schools
- 4 downtowns (Niles, Roseland, South Bend and Mishawaka)
- 18 parks and 2 YMCAs
- 5 Hospitals or major medical facilities
- Numerous historical and cultural attractions
- Countless business venues offering eating, lodging and shopping

This proposed project is the result of extensive collaboration and cooperation between municipalities, counties, non-profits and private entities in Michigan and Indiana. This Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail project would not only provide recreational opportunities, but also much needed alternative transportation options for residents and visitors to the region. Additional benefits include healthy lifestyle promotion, handicap accessibility, tourism/economic development, improved air quality, stronger community connections, and a great enhancement to our region's overall quality of life.

(You / Your Organization) urges the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan Department of Transportation to financially support this project.

Sincerely,

(Your Signature)

(You typed name and title)