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Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission
658 Cedar Street
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RE: Letter of Support for the Great Northern Regional Trail GNRT Funding Application

As an active partner of the Great Northern Regional Trail Partnership (GNRTP), the City of Princeton fully supports the funding application for the development of trail features between Elk River and Zimmerman. Such features include signage, trailhead improvements, rest stops and other trail amenities to improve the user experience.

The proposed improvements are foundational to the vision of full trail development and extension to Milaca. Further, this proposal follows the strategic sequencing presented in the Master Plan, a process that we actively participated in and that was approved as part of the GNRT's regional designation.

The City of Princeton looks forward to participating in the design process for this project as the GNRTP works together to refine the branding, interpretive themes and trail amenities to best serve the users of this tremendous recreational resource.

Thank you for your consideration for the project, which will provide significant benefits by connecting the communities of Elk River, Zimmerman, Princeton, Pease, and Milaca.

Sincerely,

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Mayor
City of Princeton

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