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Gina M. Hugo
Sherburne County Parks Director
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT - TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT FOR
THE EXTENSION OF THE GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL

Dear Ms. Hugo:

The City of Princeton is a partner in The Great Northern Trail (GNT) and is aware of Sherburne County's intent to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Grant to extend the trail north to 273rd Avenue Northwest. It is our understanding this extension would occur within the Sherburne County Highway 45 right of way, the alternative route approved through the public engagement process for the GNT Master Plan.

The Great Northern Trail provides a significant recreational asset to city, township and county residents, as well as others choosing to utilize this regional trail. The City of Princeton fully supports the Sherburne County Transportation Alternatives grant application to extend the Great Northern Trail from the City of Zimmerman northward to 273rd Avenue Northwest, as it will provide a critical extension that will accelerate the construction of trail to occur in Mille Lacs County upon completion up to Princeton as prioritized in the recently adopted GNT Master Plan.

Please contact City Administrator Michele McPherson at mmcpherson@princetonmn.org if you need additional information or supporting documents for the County's application.

Sincerely,

Thom Walker
Mayor
City of Princeton

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