

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GREENWAY AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2025 *Greenway and Trails Master Plan* is adopted as a guidance document for Worcester County, to provide an identification, decision making, implementation, and management tool for the County's future realization of interconnected greenways, trails and bikeways to connect residents to favorite destinations, and scenic landscapes and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 *Worcester County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan* includes objectives for Parks and Recreation specific objectives for planning for region-wide trail and bikeway system linkages, integration of walking trails and bikeways into new developments, and facilitation of a greenways system; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation of the Green Infrastructure Section of the Natural Resources Chapter in the 2006 *Worcester County Comprehensive Plan*, was the development of a county greenways plan that integrates bike and pedestrian paths with hubs and corridors of protected land to create a permanently protected greenways system; and

WHEREAS, two objectives of the Parks and Recreation Section of the Public Works Chapter in the 2006 *Worcester County Comprehensive Plan*, were to develop a plan for a region-wide trail and bikeway system to link communities to recreational areas and natural areas and to integrate walking trails and bikeways into new developments' greenway system.

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of the Plan demonstrates the commitment of County officials and other officials and organizations to establish a Greenway and Trails plan to build on and connect with trail planning and implementation efforts across the region; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners reviewed the compendium of public comments on the *Plan* previously received from local officials and residents along with proposed *Plan* inclusions and additional public comments at their meeting on February 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Plan are contingent upon future capital program considerations from a variety of funding sources and multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Plan may be modified and edited in the future after review and approval by County Commissioners; and

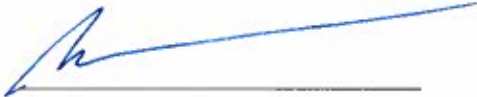
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the 2025 Greenway and Trails Master Plan is adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2025.

Attest:

Worcester County Commissioners



Weston S. Young
Chief Administrative Officer



Theodore J. Elder
President



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