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RESOLUTION

Whereas the proposed acquisition of 5.5 miles of rail grade corridor would provide transportation and recreation opportunities to the most densely populated area of Wisconsin, bringing over 400,000 people within three miles of the Hank Aaron State Trail and proposed extension.

Whereas the acquisition of the rail corridor would allow the Hank Aaron State Trail to connect Lakeshore State Park, the Henry Maier Festival Park, Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Marquette Soccer Fields, Miller Park Stadium, State Fair Park, Pettit National Ice Center, the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the Oak Leaf Trail System.

Whereas the acquisition of the rail corridor would link residential neighborhoods to employment opportunities and recreational destinations, making bicycle commuting a viable alternative and reducing vehicle miles and traffic congestion, which translates to added environmental and health benefits to the city of Milwaukee and surrounding communities.

Whereas the preservation of this important environmental corridor will aid in the restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and the rehabilitation of urban waterways, and will provide valuable habitat for native plant and animal species.

It is therefore RESOLVED that the Governor's State Trails Council endorses the proposed acquisition by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of the Hank Aaron State Trail Extension.

Passed May 2006 by the Governor's Wisconsin State Trails Council.

