

RESOLUTION
In Support of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

Whereas the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council was created by state statutes to provide advice and consultation to the Legislature, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation on all matters related to nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails;

Whereas ending the Stewardship Program will have a significant, negative impact on nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails and the state economy;

Whereas the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has been instrumental in producing tourism revenue, public open spaces, working forests, farmland preservation and the jobs they provide;

Whereas the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has represented a successful bipartisan effort of Wisconsin's citizens, its elected leaders and all levels of government to protect Wisconsin's lands and waters;

Whereas these natural resources are essential to Wisconsin's water quality, clean air, human health, recreation and wildlife habitat;

Whereas the quality of our natural resources is one of the reasons many companies choose to do business in Wisconsin and why talented people in all professions choose to live and work here;

Whereas the Stewardship Program makes the best use of our money by matching state dollars with private and federal funds to protect the things that are vital to a high quality of life including clean air and water, jobs and recreation;

It is therefore Resolved that the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council strongly supports the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and recommends that the Legislature continue to fully fund the program.

*Passed unanimously by those members present April 10, 2015 by the
Wisconsin Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council.*