

Resolution #5-R-20
Naming of the Hydroelectric Heritage Trailway
(HHT / Hydro)

Submitted By: Alderperson Schultz, District 9; Alderperson Martin, District 4 & Alderperson Williams, District 10

Date: March 4, 2020

Referred To: Parks & Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton has long recognized the Fox River as the primary driving force behind its early development and the ongoing desire to showcase the Fox River's rich history of early exploraton, pioneering hydroelectric power generaton, industrial innovatons and even its past exploitaton, by creatng improved access, usability, development, and tourism opportunity, while being sensitive to the ecological and cultural value of this shared resource, and;

WHEREAS, establishing a cohesive identity of place is widely recognized as the primary unifying component of existng and/or future informatonal displays and wayfnding programs along the Fox River, essential for driving visitaton to the riverfront and showcasing the historical connectons of our unique hydroelectric history along the expanding river trails system, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the adopted 2016 Comprehensive Plan; Agriculture, Natural, Historic, and Cultural Resources, recognizes the significance of many historic buildings and sites situated along the Fox River corridor, many of which are listed on the Natonal Register of Historic Places, including the Appleton Woolen Mills, the Appleton Locks Historic Districts, the Hearthstone Historic House Museum, and the Vulcan Street Hydro-Electric Central Staton Replica, all of which have share historical connectons to early hydroelectricity, and furthermore, Chapter 13; Fox River Corridor Plan, specifcally identifes a desire to establish this corridor identity in an effort to “preserve and interpret the cultural, historical, natural, and recreatonal resources of the Fox River corridor” statng that “the riverfront lacks a “sense of place” that could be enhanced through wayfnding, design guidelines, and streetscape enhancements that create a destnaton,” and;

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commitee recommends said naming of the riverfront corridor and it trails and connectons, and this proposed naming is endorsed by; Appleton Downtown, Appleton Yacht Club, Appleton Historical Society, Fox Cities Greenways, Fox River Tours, Fox Locks, Fratellos Riverfront Restaurant, Riverview Gardens, Hearthstone Historic House Museum, Historic Fox River Mills, Lawrence University, Paper Discovery Center, Riverheath, and Sculpture Valley, among others, now therefore;

BE IT RESOVLED, that the Fox River trails system that lies within the municipal boundaries of the City of Appleton, hereby idfnded as those trails which generally run parallel to the Fox River and encompassing a total of 8.3 miles of existng and future trails and connectons including, but not limited to; Alicia Park to Vulcan Heritage Park, Ellen Kort Peace Park to Lawrence University, Lawe Street Trestle to Riverside Cemetery, Telulah Park to Olde Oneida Street, Olde Oneida

Street to Memorial Drive, and Edison Trestle to Lawe Street Trestle, further delineated on the trails map marked Exhibit A, be named and henceforth identified as, the **Hydroelectric Heritage Trailway**.