

RESOLUTION NO. 8788-R9

A RESOLUTION  
REGARDING RAILS TO TRAILS CONVERSION

WHEREAS, the ratio of open land to population in the arable counties of central Illinois is low; and

WHEREAS, abandoned railroad lines provide an excellent resource for open recreational lands; and

WHEREAS, these rail lines provide a smooth trail for low cost hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and for observation of the natural and cultural landscape; and

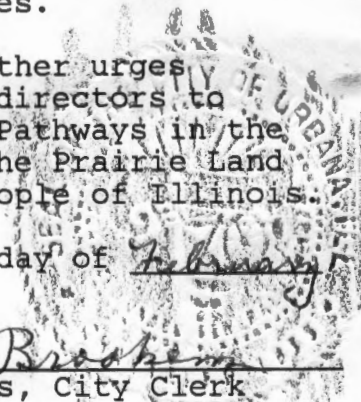
WHEREAS, railroad corridors join cities and in the future may be needed again as major interurban transportation corridors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Urbana supports the acquisition of abandoned railroad rights-of-way in east central Illinois by both government and private groups for conservation and low-impact recreational purposes.

Section 2. That the City Council further urges Governor Thompson and State of Illinois agency directors to purchase two specific corridors, the Heartland Pathways in the Decatur-Monticello-Champaign-Clinton area and the Prairie Land Trail running from Decatur to Peoria for the people of Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of February, 1988.

  
Ruth S. Brookens  
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1988.

Jeffrey T. Markland  
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor