



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 17-01

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Acting Executive Director  
DATE: July 28, 2016

### RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAILS PLAN IN DESIGNATING AND IDENTIFYING SAFE ROUTES IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND THE METROPOLITAN REGION

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has supported the coordination of local and statewide trail and greenway initiatives throughout the Northern Virginia Region; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff provides technical assistance and coordinates local efforts to discuss and research trail, recreation, and open space policy issues since 2000 through the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail public land managers committee; and

WHEREAS, NVRC continues to assist local governments in the planning and implementation of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail supported by a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service which is included in the capital trail plan; and

WHEREAS, NVRC works closely with state and local bicycle and pedestrian safety advocates on safe routes and safety education in conjunction with a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles highway safety grant; and

WHEREAS, NVRC, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and member localities have National Park Service efforts to improve the region's trail network, including draft paved trails study; and

WHEREAS, the DCR as part of the Virginia Outdoors plan in 2011 had survey respondents indicate that trails were the top priority for outdoor recreation in the state, and that 83 percent of Virginians walk and bicycle for pleasure; and

WHEREAS, increasing population and popularity of walking and bicycling has increased the congestion of existing trails in the region, and

WHEREAS, recreational trails offer direct and indirect economic, health and transportation benefits to the region, as outlined by the Virginia tourism and DCR studies;

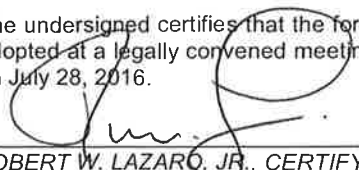
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that NVRC will provide support and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions, the National Park Service, Washington Area Bicycling Association, Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling, and support paved trails in Northern Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that NVRC will support and staff will participate in the National Capital Region's trail planning efforts and support interjurisdictional efforts to complete a seamless loop of urban trails for recreation and multi-modal transportation that encircle the Washington Metropolitan region.



### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on July 28, 2016.

  
ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER