RESOLUTION NO. 494

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CO-APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF HUBBARD, HUBBARD BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, CITY OF AURORA, AND MARION COUNTY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS AND TRAILS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora Transportation System Plan (TSP) encourages intercity as well as intracity multimodal means of transportation and recognizes the need for technical assistance funding to achieve its goals, and the City is currently developing a Parks Master Plan that will include linear park planning with trails along Mill Creek and the Pudding River, and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Assistance program provides technical assistance to local communities to help accomplish specific recreation and conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora learned HBED (Hubbard Business and Economic Development) would like to engage in RTCA (Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance) to do a master plan to provide a connected regional system for Aurora to Hubbard within the Mill Creek corridor and connect to the South with Woodburn; and.

WHEREAS, this project represent an opportunity to provide more specific direction as to how the City of Aurora's goals can be accomplished for non-motorized transportation outlined in the TSP and to provide places for recreation for our citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, THAT:

The City of Aurora, by and through its City Council, recognizes and supports a co-application with itself, HBED, City of Hubbard, and Marion County to create a master plan for a non-motorized trail and pathway that would provide for a connected regional system within Marion County, and authorize the Mayor to sign the formal grant application for a technical staff assistance to the National Park Service, River, Trails and Conservation Program, and execute all documents in conjunction therewith.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of June 2005.

CITY OF AURORA, OREGON

BY: MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: Devie Boyce



City of Aurora FOUNDED 1856 "National Historic Site"

July 7, 2005

Hubbard Business and Economic Development Group 4134-5th Street Hubbard, Oregon 97032

RE: Trail along Mill Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that the Aurora Public Works Department is very much in support of the North Mill Creek Trail that would extend from Woodburn to Aurora.

This trail would provide wonderful opportunities for residents and visitors to stroll along peaceful Mill Creek, play in the water, explore the history of the area, grab a snack at a local market or lunch at a quant restaurant, shop for antiques, or rest on a bench and enjoy the scenery.

This trail would also provide a safe way for children and adults to walk from Woodburn to Aurora. The City of Aurora really doesn't have any safe place for children or adults to walk. The City of Aurora is growing at a very rapid pace, which this means more cars and traffic on the road. The more traffic and cars the City of Aurora has, the less it makes it safe for pedestrians to walk or ride a bike.

Once again, the City of Aurora and the Aurora Public Works Department is very much in support of the North Mill Creek Trail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Southard

Public Works Superintendent