

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO BIKE TRAILS; EXPRESSING THE TOWN'S SUPPORT, INTEREST, AND DESIRE FOR BIKE TRAILS TO BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE TOWN; APPOINTING COUNCILOR ED CONROY TO WORK WITH ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES, LAKE COUNTY, LAKE COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS, THE LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY STAKEHOLDERS AND AGENCIES REGARDING THE LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE TRAILS THROUGH THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Lake County Parks & Trails Division is in the process of updating its Parks & Recreation and Trails Master Plans which will be used as an overall guide to the development and operation of parks, recreation and trails facilities offering active and passive recreation, trails and boat ramps in Lake County over the next decade.

WHEREAS, the 2008 Lake County Trails Master Plan depicts numerous planned and existing paved trails.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Parks & Trails Division will be holding a series of public meetings regarding the comprehensive master plans and the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills desires to provide input to the Lake County Parks & Trails Division regarding future recreation and paved trails to be located in the Town and surrounding Lake County cities.

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of bike riders who ride through the Town on a frequent basis and the Town has few safe trails on which bike riders can ride.

WHEREAS, there is a great deal of development in various stages occurring in the Town, and the Town is in the optimal position to assist the Lake County Parks & Trails Division with implementing Town/County/private partnerships for construction of certain trails.

WHEREAS, the Town hereby expresses its support, interest and desire for the Lake County Parks & Trails Division to complete the required studies, design, and begin construction of three of the trails shown in the "planned stage" on the 2008 Master Plan – specifically (1) North Lake Trail Phase 1, (2) Sugar Loaf Mountain Trail, and (3) the Lake Denham Trail.

WHEREAS, the 2008 Trails Master Plan identifies connecting trails on SR 19 from the north Town limits to CR 455 and on CR 48 from SR 19 to the Lake Denham Trail as planning concepts.

WHEREAS, the construction of these trails will provide for regional trail and recreational connectivity, increased safety for current bike riders, walkers, and runners, and a beautiful scenic experience for trail users as they travel through the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby expresses its support, interest, and desire for the following:

- 12-15' paved bike trails to be constructed within the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, specifically, the ones identified on the 2008 Lake County Trails Master Plan as the (1) North Lake Trail Phase 1, (2) Sugar Loaf Mountain Trail, and (3) Lake Denham Trail, and the planned concept connecting trails through Howey-in-the-Hills.
- The addition of 5-foot shoulders to County Road 455 from Highway 19 to the Montverde roundabout and 12-15'-foot wide bike trail from the new Howey bridge to the intersection of Highway 19 and State Road 48.
- 12' paved bike trails on Number 2 Road and on Dewey Robbins Road from Highway 19 to Highway 27.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby appoints Councilor Ed Conroy to work with adjacent municipalities, Lake County, Lake County Parks & Trails Division, the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Florida Department of Transportation, and all other bodies and agencies for which it is deemed necessary in order to locate, design and construct paved trails through the Town.

Section 3. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 13th day of March, 2017, by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Christian Sears
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk