



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving a Certification Agreement with the National Park Service for the City-owned portions of the North Country Trail.

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BACKGROUND:

Certification is an important procedure providing a common way to track segments of the trail that are completed, designed and constructed to federal standards and are reasonably expected to remain for the long term in the condition documented on the date of certification. In exchange, the North Country Trail emblem is approved for posting at selected locations along its route, the trail segment is recognized as an official segment of the North Country Trail and federal trail support (within the confines of legally approved action) will receive high priority.

Certification does not convey to the federal government any property rights or management authority over the lands on which the trail lies. Certification is a completely voluntary action on the part of all who sign the Certification Agreement.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to approve a Certification Agreement with the National Park Service for the City-owned portions of the North Country Trail.