

**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER  
RESOLUTION 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A NON-MONETARY DONATION FOR TRAIL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE NAMING OF THE “DALE BENDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAIL”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richland Center’s (“the City”) donation policy mandates that non-monetary donations valued greater than \$5,000 be approved by resolution of the Common Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the owner of a public pedestrian trail segment located along the Highway 14/80 corridor extending from the Highway 14/80 intersection to the Richland Center Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been offered a non-monetary donation consisting of blacktop paving improvements and associated signage to the existing City-owned trail segment, with the work to be coordinated and completed by the donor(s) at no cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the proposed non-monetary donation, the City has received a formal naming request seeking to designate the improved trail segment as the “Dale Bender Community Wellness Trail,” in recognition of Dale Bender’s longstanding service and contributions to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City’s Naming and Branding Policy (Res. 2025-06), the Public Works Committee reviewed the proposed non-monetary donation and naming request, and recommended Council consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff and the Public Works Department recommend acceptance of the non-monetary donation, having determined that the proposed improvements are appropriate, beneficial, and consistent with City plans, policies, and public use objectives.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Richland County, as follows:

1. The City hereby accepts the proposed non-monetary donation by the Joan Woodman Orton McCollum Foundation and Southwest Partners for blacktop paving improvements and signage to the designated trail segment, subject to execution of a Non-Monetary Donation Agreement.
2. The trail segment extending from the Highway 14/80 intersection to the Richland Center Middle School is hereby formally named the “Dale Bender Community Wellness Trail,” in accordance with the City’s Naming and Branding Policy.
3. Acceptance of the non-monetary donation and approval of the naming request are contingent upon completion of the improvements in a manner consistent with City standards, specifications, and oversight requirements, as set forth in the associated donation agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council extends its appreciation to the Joan Woodman Orton McCollum Foundation and Southwest Partners for their generosity and commitment to enhancing public infrastructure and community wellness amenities within the City.

**APPROVED** by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026 by the following vote: AYES: \_\_\_\_\_, NOS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER  
RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Attest:

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Todd Coppernoll, Mayor

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Misty Molzof, Deputy Clerk