



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$5,000 FROM MINNESOTA TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE DULUTH AREA HORSE TRAIL ALLIANCE FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN MAGNEY-SNIVELY NATURAL AREA.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept a \$5,000 gift from the Minnesota Trail Riders Association (MRTA) to be deposited into fund 452-030-4270-HANDHTAX-1524 (Tourism & Recreational Projects, Finance, Other Grants, Half and Half Tourism Tax Projects, Equestrian Trails), for implementation of equestrian trail improvements on the Elys Peak equestrian trail in Magney-Snively Natural Area as depicted in the location map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth act as the legal sponsor for the project and is hereby authorized to accept the funding on behalf of the Duluth Area Horse Trail Alliance (DAHTA).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city hereby expresses its appreciation for this gift on behalf of the city and its citizens.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the City of Duluth to accept a gift of up to \$5,000 from the Minnesota Trail Riders Association (MRTA) on behalf of the Duluth Area Horse Trail Alliance (DAHTA). The contribution will be used for trail hardening on the Elys Peak equestrian trail loop in Magney-Snively Natural Area.

In 2015, the City of Duluth commissioned a Magney Snively trail study to assess the potential for environmentally sustainable non winter equestrian use on the main Elys Peak ski trail loop. The result concluded that any non-winter use of the trails would require significant hardening of the trail. Trail hardening removes uneven terrain and helps direct water away from the surface, contributing to environmentally sustainable trails for both equestrian and cross country ski use.

The Elys Peak loop was improved and hardened to withstand equestrian use in 2018. These additional funds will allow further trail hardening along the trail loop. The City will seek a qualified contractor to complete the work yet in 2019.