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To the Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee:

As Fitchburg's Mayor, I am pleased to endorse the efforts of your committee to create a recreational trails vision for our city. As we all know, Fitchburg is often misconstrued by the outside world as an older urban city with little or no open space or recreational opportunities. We also know that nothing could be further from the truth. Unfortunately, Fitchburg's richness in trail development and rural beauty remains a secret to many.

The efforts of your group to map and identify Fitchburg's trails by their current and potential uses will do far more than improve their access to and use by local residents; it will help educate the rest of the region about our vast reservoir of recreational opportunities and will guide future efforts to further develop this potential. The adoption of a trails master plan can also serve as a basis for future fund raising efforts needed to make critical trail connections and expand the existing network of recreational opportunities here in Fitchburg.

For these reasons, please be assured that the city fully supports your efforts in this endeavor. To that end, the city's Community Development Department and its Recreation Director are committed to assisting you wherever possible in the development of this trails vision.

Thanks again for agreeing to take on this challenging but rewarding task on behalf of our city. It is the voluntary efforts of local citizens like yourselves that continue to make Fitchburg a great place to live and recreate. If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. DiNatale  
Mayor, City of Fitchburg

Cc: Larry Casassa, Director of Community Development  
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