

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION FOR THE CHIPEWA RIVER (CITY OF EAU CLAIRE SEGMENT) BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire desires to promote physical and visual access for its citizens to the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers and Half Moon Lake, as stated in the 2012 Waterways Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire Community Services Department-Parks, Recreation and Forestry Division, has partnered with numerous community agencies, such as the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Geography Department, the Water Street Business Improvement District, the Eau Claire YMCA, Eau Claire Fire Department, Visit Eau Claire, the Chippewa Valley Museum, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the National Park Service, to accomplish this goal; and,

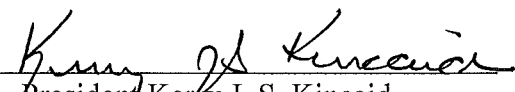
WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire desires to apply for National Water Trails designation and meets the prescribed criteria required by the National Water Trails / National Park Service:

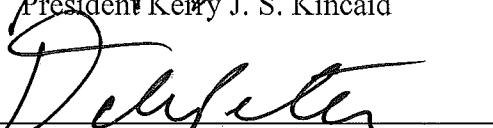
1. The trail (and its access points) must be open to public use and be designed, constructed, and maintained according to best management practices, in keeping with anticipated use. Water Trail access points that demonstrate state-of-the-art design and management are especially encouraged to apply for national water trail designation.
2. The trail is in compliance with applicable land use plans and environmental laws.
3. The trail will be open for public use for at least 10 consecutive years after designation.
4. The trail designation must be supported by the landowner(s), (public, or private), on which access points exist.


WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire supports the criteria prescribed in the National Water Trails program and supports the application for National Water Trail designation for the Chippewa River (City of Eau Claire Segment); and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eau Claire, that the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Eau Claire to take necessary action to make an application to the National Water Trails System and the National Park Service for designation of the Chippewa River (City of Eau Claire Segment) as a National Water Trail.

Adopted,
October 25, 2016

(SEAL) 
President Kerry J. S. Kincaid

(SEAL) 
City Manager Dale Peters

(ATTESTED) 
City Clerk Donna A. Austad