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The Honorable Governor Parson
P. O. Box 720
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Mr. Ben Ellis, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson and Director Ellis:

On behalf of the City of Greenwood, we would like to congratulate the State of Missouri and the Department of Natural Resources for your support prior, current and future commitments to the construction and maintaining the Rock Island Trail in mid Missouri.

The Rock Island Trail stands to offer Missourians tremendous outdoor recreation opportunities as well as opportunities for rural economic development in communities along the trail. The Rock Island Trail, as a sister to the KATY Trail, will place Missouri in the spotlight as a worldwide trail destination for a grand Midwest American experience.

The City of Greenwood is part of a coalition working to connect the trails that end in Pleasant Hill and Lee's Summit by going through Greenwood. Connecting to the KATY Trail will finally complete the vision of a cross-state bicycle and pedestrian trail that advocates across Missouri have long sought. This will create a continuous non-motorized route from I-70 at Kansas City past I-70 at St. Louis. And it will create an unparalleled amenity for our state that will result in an economic boon for every community that it touches including Greenwood.

Greenwood is very excited for the opportunities this will bring to our community. Due to our limited funding, the potential economic impact that this trail will bring to our community is extremely important. The boost to our economy from tourism, the boost in Community pride and the general health of the citizens who would choose to use the trail.

Sincerely,

Levi Weaver
Mayor, City of Greenwood