



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Mayor William A. Baird

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The Honorable Mike Parson
P. O. Box 720
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Mr. Ben Ellis, Director
MDNR
P. O. Box 176
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson and Mr. Ellis,

On behalf of the residents and City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, I am expressing our support of the Rock Island Trail in Missouri. We are especially excited about the expansion of the Rock Island Trail through our community as the trail network from Pleasant Hill is connected to I-70 Highway, in Kansas City, Missouri.

This beautiful, recreational trail provides patrons access and additional opportunities to experience Missouri's fascinating wildlife and picturesque vistas while improving our citizens' quality of life and property values. Moreover, the trail will make our community increasingly attractive to new residents and industry, and will directly impact our economic development and tax revenues.

Therefore, I encourage you to continue the development of the Rock Island Trail which will enhance Lee's Summit and other communities along the trail, but also enrich the great state of Missouri.

Sincerely,

William A. Baird
Mayor