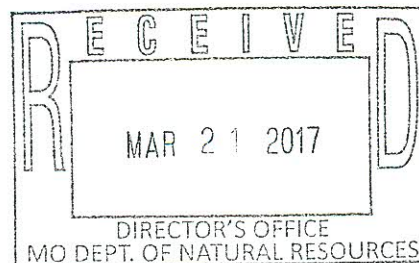


March 16, 2017

The Honorable Eric Greitens, Governor
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Ms. Carol Comer, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65102



Dear Governor Greitens and Director Comer:

On behalf of the City of Springfield, we would like to congratulate the State of Missouri and the Department of Natural Resources for the construction of the first 47 miles of 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. Additionally, upon the completion of the remaining 144 miles, 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.

As Springfield continues to develop its local trail system of greenways and on-street bicycle routes, we are always dreaming of the possibilities of someday seeing the connection of our Frisco Highline Trail to the KATY Trail, and now perhaps also the Rock Island Trail. The Frisco Highline Trail runs 35 miles between Springfield and Bolivar. Every year, the use of and interest in this trail increases. We feel certain that with the proper partnerships and Missouri Show Me attitude, the new Rock Island Trail is just a start in offering Missourians who live along or will use the trail, a great way to connect and enjoy Missouri's great outdoors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Smith".

Tim Smith
Deputy City Manager
Springfield, Missouri

TWS:cjb

cc: Greg Harris, Executive Director, Missouri Rock Island Trail

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