

THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION FROM THE WARWICK CITY COUNCIL TO THE RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY  
OF WARWICK’S SUBMISSION TO THE 2021 RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT  
PROGRAM

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 acres of City-owned parks over 1,000 acres of City-owned parks offer active and passive recreation to residents; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the City contained within the “City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Warwick, City of Livable Neighborhoods,” Section II Chapter 5, entitled “Parks, Recreation and Open Space,” is to preserve and enhance parks and open spaces and encourage the connectivity of recreational spaces and habitat areas; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal, the Comprehensive Plan outlines policies which aim to improve connectivity between green spaces or systems, open spaces, parks and recreational planning and water resources, and weave together the fabric of our villages and the Warwick community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Implementation Action item contained in Section VI of the Comprehensive Plan entitled, “The Future City of the Comprehensive Plan” further recommends that the City “*seek a variety of funding sources for operational and capital improvements to the park and recreation system*” and should “*ensure the availability of park and recreation resources to persons of different abilities and different preferences;*” and

WHEREAS, the City of Warwick has recently completed Phase 1 of the Greene Cemetery Area Improvements Master Plan, located on lots 215 and 217 on Assessor’s Plat 246, by utilizing funding from the 2013 RI Recreation Acquisition and Development Grant Program in combination with Community Development Block Grant funding allocations and in-kind city services; and

1           WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
2 (“RIDEM”) currently has funding available through the 2021 Recreational Trail Grant Program;  
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5           WHEREAS, the City of Warwick Planning Department has considered Comprehensive  
6 Plan guidance, consulted with the Parks and Recreation Department, and has identified that the  
7 greatest use of the 2021 Recreational Trail Grant to be Phase 3 of the Greene Cemetery Area  
8 Improvements Master Plan which includes an accessible multi-purpose walking path system  
9 connecting neighborhoods and roads; and  
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11           WHEREAS, RIDEM requires that project sponsors submit documentation authorizing the  
12 submission of the grant application and the municipality's matching contribution such as an  
13 official City/Town Council letter, meeting minutes or a Resolution supporting the submission.  
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15           NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby  
16 supports the submission of a grant application for the 2021 Recreational Trail Grant Program  
17 for implementation of Phase 3 of the Greene Cemetery Area Improvements Master Plan and  
18 hereby authorizes and requests that the Mayor submit such application to the Rhode Island  
19 Department of Environmental Management.  
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21           This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.  
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23                               SPONSORED BY:   COUNCILMAN MCALLISTER  
24                               COUNCILMAN SINAPI  
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