

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 23-25

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: April 27, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS FOR POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL COUNTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) provides coordination for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia through a Cooperative Agreement P21AC12147-00 with the National Park Service;

WHEREAS, NVRC supports the advancement of safety, connectivity, and accessibility to the PHNST through planning and projects with PHNST stakeholders, including Northern Virginia jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and PHNST stakeholders have expressed an interest in working together to identify and address data needs, including trail usage information for the PHNST;

WHEREAS, there remains a significant lack of data surrounding the PHNST's use, its connectivity and accessibility to surrounding communities, and identifiable areas of maintenance concern;

WHEREAS, with the purchase and maintenance of trail counters, NVRC and its trail partners, including local jurisdictions and state agencies, would be able to fill these gaps in data and better understand how many individuals utilize the PHNST, as well as when and where they use it;

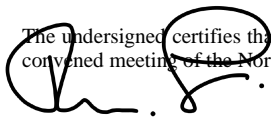
WHEREAS, NVRC proposes a three-year PHNST Trail Counter Project to develop and implement a trail counter program across the PHNST in Northern Virginia, including the purchase and installation of trail counters along the PHNST path, ongoing maintenance of the installed counters, as well as data cleaning, analysis, and reporting activities;

WHEREAS, in the fiscal year 2024 appropriations cycle, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations is accepting requests from Senators on their funding priorities, including trail improvement projects;

WHEREAS, NVRC has submitted a request of \$195,369 for Congressionally Directed Spending funds to the offices of Senator Warner and Senator Kaine to develop and implement the proposed PHNST Trail Counter Project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to accept funds up to \$195,369 from the Congressionally Directed Spending program for the PHNST Trail Counter Project in Northern Virginia, should the request be approved.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on April 27, 2023.

ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER