

**CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS**

**RESOLUTION No. 880**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FLINT HILLS TRAIL (OSAWATOMIE REACH)  
FROM THE TASK FORCE FOR RAILS FOR TRAILS**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Osawatomie established the Task Force for Rails for Trails on September 27, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force took on the completion of the Flint Hills Trail segment connecting the City of Osawatomie to the Flint Hills Nature Trail, which later became known as the Flint Hills Trail State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has worked hand-in-hand with the City to get the “Osawatomie Reach” finished, which included the creation of Walker Station at Mile Zero, the Completion of the Flint Hills Trail Bridge (Osawatomie Reach), and the planting and placement of trees and other native flora at Walker Station; and

**WHEREAS**, it is only fitting and right that the citizens of the City of Osawatomie give thanks and appreciation to the members of the Task Force for Rails for Trails for their passion and commitment in bringing this asset to our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie:

**Section 1.** The Governing Body hereby accepts the work of the Task Force for Rails for Trails and accept the “Osawatomie Reach” of the Flint Hills Trail that starts at Walker Station – Mile Zero.

**Section 2.** The Governing Body in accepting the Task Force’s work hereby directs the City Manager to create a special budgeted fund to be identified as the Osawatomie Trail Conservancy. This budget will be established as an Expendable Trust Fund under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and will be dedicated to the maintenance of trails created by the City of Osawatomie.

**Section 3.** The Governing Body hereby directs that the City Manager ensure that the ongoing maintenance and mowing of the “Osawatomie Reach” be budgeted for and specifically identified as a “high priority” maintenance area for the City’s Public Works Department.

**Section 4.** The Governing Body hereby directs that the City Manager begin the process of coordinating Trail activities with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, other communities along the Flint Hills Trail and local merchants to leverage the investment and economic opportunities made available to the City of Osawatomie.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas,  
this 27th day of May, 2021, a majority voting in favor of.

**APPROVED** and signed by the Mayor.

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L. Mark Govea, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Tammy Seamands, City Clerk