

**Village of Springville, NY**  
**Resolution in Support of the Conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway**  
**to a Pedestrian Trail**

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to support existing businesses and encourage positive economic revitalization and expansion, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to encourage beneficial employment opportunities and residential growth, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to provide healthy activities for youth and positive recreational opportunities for all age groups, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to encourage and support cultural opportunities and civic involvement, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to preserve and enhance its historic characteristics, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to expand opportunities for visitors through tourism, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is promote its quality education and health care opportunities to its residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Village of Springville is to link community assets to regional skiing, fishing, and other recreational opportunities in Erie and Cattaraugus counties, and

WHEREAS, the West End Business District is an Historic Preservation District through which the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right-of-way passes, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right-of-way to a pedestrian trail in Springville will promote the growth of regional tourism by making Springville a tourist destination point as a trailhead along the pedestrian trail, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right-of-way to a pedestrian trail in Springville will connect Village tourists to other points of recreation including parks, schools, and historic places within and outside the Village limits, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right-of-way to a pedestrian trail in Springville will transform an abandoned industrial transportation corridor to a landscaped, patrolled recreational green space within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Springville Erie-Cattaraugus Rails to Trails Investigating Committee, after examination of documents supporting and opposing the conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right-of-way to a pedestrian trail in Springville, concluded that the economic benefits of the conversion within the Village surpass the financial burden to the Village, and

WHEREAS, the large number of road crossings and the available access through commercial and residential properties within the Village of Springville allow for easy access to the right-of-way and mitigate public safety risk along the proposed trail, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Parks and Recreation is considering a proposal to land bank and take title to the 27 mile Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway right of way from Orchard Park to West Valley, and

WHEREAS, Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail Inc. with New York State will provide the planning and financing to construct the trail within the Village of Springville and include a review process with the Village of Springville Board of Trustees, the Village of Springville Planning Board, and the Village of Springville Historic Preservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail Inc. will communicate with owners of properties within the Village of Springville contiguous to the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railway right-of-way and mitigate privacy, safety, and nuisance problems, and

WHEREAS, Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail Inc. will provide for maintenance and patrol during the operation of the trail within the Village of Springville, and

WHEREAS, Erie County and New York State will cooperatively establish and maintain safe county road and state highway cross walks on the trail within the Village of Springville, and

WHEREAS, recreational motor vehicles and snowmobiles may be prohibited from operation or otherwise restricted on the trail within the Village of Springville as approved by the Village of Springville Board of Trustees, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: The Village of Springville Board of Trustees supports the Village's participation in the conversion of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Railway to a pedestrian trail.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2009 by:  
The Village of Springville Board of Trustees.

Ayes;

William J. Krebs	Mayor
James A. Bentley	Trustee
Charles J. Cranston	Trustee
Jean E. Moncreiff	Trustee
Terry W. Skelton	Trustee

Nays;

None