

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-173

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR UNION COUNTY CONNECTS
SEEKING TO TURN INACTIVE STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT RAIL LINE
INTO TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle wish to support expanded means and methods for connectivity, transportation, and passive recreation within the municipality and the greater Union County area; and

WHEREAS there exists a non-profit organization "Union County Connects" that seeks to advocate and fundraise in support of Union County Parks' Master Plan to convert unused railroads into greenways for walking and biking trails under the "Rails to Trails Union County" Program; and

WHEREAS, the Staten Island Rapid Transit (SIRT) railway line that extends from Cranford to Staten Island, New York, including a portion traveling through the Borough of through Roselle, has been out of service for several years; and


WHEREAS, the pathway travels along former SIRT rail lines in the Borough connecting the municipality with the neighboring City of Linden and Township of Cranford. This railway is now owned by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and is included in Union County Parks' 2010 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council believe that the aforementioned objective of "Rails to Trails Union County" is valuable and necessary for creating a community and a region that is more walkable and bikeable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey, do hereby express support for the "Union County Connects" group in their pursuit of transformation of the unutilized railroad lines into walking and biking trails between the City of Linden and the Township of Cranford.

I, Lisette Sanchez, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held May 17, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Roselle in the county of Union and State of New Jersey this 17th day of May, 2023.


Lisette Sanchez, Borough Clerk