

Explanation: Resolution of Support for Union County Connects Seeking to Turn the Inactive Rahway Valley Railroad Line into a Pedestrian and Bicycling Trail.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-149**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield wishes 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 Rahway Valley Railroad line that extends from Roselle Park to Summit, including a portion traveling through the Township of Springfield, has been out of service for several years, is now owned by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and is included in Union County Parks' 2010 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes 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, by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Township Committee does hereby express its support for the "Union County Connects" group in their pursuit of transformation of the unutilized railroad lines into walking and biking trails connection the Township of Springfield with other municipalities within the County of Union.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Union County Connects and to the Union County Board of Commissioners.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

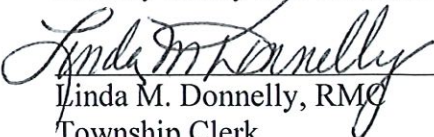
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

By: 
Richard Huber, Mayor

Adopted:

May 27, 2025

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy.


Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

