

RESOLUTION NO. 27453

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE INCLUSION OF SELECTED TRAILS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA GREENWAY SYSTEM TO BE A PART OF THE GREAT EASTERN TRAIL AND THAT BY DOING SO, THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IS TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE FIRST "TRAIL TOWN" WITHIN THE GREAT EASTERN TRAIL NATIONAL SYSTEM.

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WHEREAS, the Great Eastern Trail Association (GETA) has approved a trail route that traverses/travels through the City of Chattanooga, making use of existing greenway trails and the Tennessee Riverpark and utilizing road walks until such time as additional Riverpark and greenway trail segments may be completed;

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has agreed to assist GETA with promoting the Great Eastern Trail with support to engage community residents, assist trail visitors, and coordinate GETA park stewards, incorporate and reference the Great Eastern Trail in its media; and,

WHEREAS, the GETA can act as a catalyst for sustainable economic development around outdoor recreation and tourism in our area;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community that the City of Chattanooga work with GETA to promote the Great Eastern Trail as a community resource and asset;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the City of Chattanooga hereby authorizes its inclusion in the Great Eastern Trail and accepts the designation of this trail through this city which will be declared as the first "Trail Town" of the Great Eastern Trail Association.

ADOPTED: April 2, 2013

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