

RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
THE WEST ORANGE TRAIL STAKEHOLDER TASK FORCE

Resolution No. 2021- M-52

WHEREAS, the West Orange Trail (“Trail”) is a crown jewel of Orange County;
and

WHEREAS, the Trail is essential to the well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Trail was critical to the physical health and mental well-being of our community during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Trail attracts diverse visitors to the area to Orange County’s economic advantage and benefit; and

WHEREAS, the original character of the Trail was canopied and rural, which should be preserved and restored; and

WHEREAS, the West Orange Trail Stakeholder Task Force (“Task Force”) is being created by the Friends of Lake Apopka to actively protect the original character of the Trail through common design standards and overlays; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will also coordinate restoration of canopy gaps that have been created by development along the Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will include representatives from Orange County, the City of Apopka, the Town of Oakland, the City of Ocoee, and the City of Winter Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will also collaborate with local not-for-profit organizations, including Healthy West Orange, Bike/Walk Central Florida, West Orange Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Lake Apopka.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Orange County's Support for the Task Force and its Mission.

Orange County supports the objectives of the West Orange Trail Stakeholder Task Force to actively participate in preserving and restoring the original canopied and rural character of the West Orange Trail.

Section 2. Orange County's Representative. County Administration will appoint a staff representative to participate in the West Orange Trail Stakeholder Task Force.

Section 3. Orange County's Priorities. Orange County will recommend and prioritize projects on Orange County property that promote public health, protect tree canopy, equitably enhance amenities and neighborhoods, reduce stormwater runoff, plant Florida Friendly Landscaping, lessen heat island effects, and protect wildlife habitat.

Section 4. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2021.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Jerry L. Demings
for Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Kate Fried
Deputy Clerk

