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March 4, 2016

Mr. Mark Watkins, Director  
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Subject: Assisting with the 2016 Roundtable for Reclamation Program Administrators

Dear Mr. Watkins,

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources (department) and the Waste and Materials Management program, I would like to extend my personal thanks to you for freeing up Mr. Gerry Kokkonen to partner with the department to put together a very successful NR 135 Administrators' Roundtable. I would also like to thank you and Jefferson County for providing an excellent meeting facility for this annual event.

Special thanks go to Gerry for his efforts in planning the meeting, his timely presentations and for his follow-up efforts in making materials available both for those who attended and for those who were not able to be there. Attendance at the February 18<sup>th</sup> NR 135 Administrators' Roundtable was good. Of the 29 attendees present, 23 represented numerous county and local NR 135 Regulatory Authorities (RAs). Because of Gerry's inclination and skill set, administrators benefited from a "leading edge" type presentation on recent technological developments. As a result of his diligence, both attendees, and ultimately nearly all NR 135 administrators, received information on the availability and use of tools to help integrate field observations with their data base in the office. It's likely that we will see program enhancements as these tools are increasingly used to facilitate NR 135 program administration.

Gerry was a great host and was accommodating and flexible in adjusting the agenda so attendees could also benefit from the experiences of colleagues including Fay Amerson of Walworth County and Tracy Arnold from Wood County. Tracy shared a very timely presentation that effectively showed the benefits of working close with the department in dealing with illegal solid wastes materials found at nonmetallic mines during routine reclamation compliance inspections. Fay Amerson was able to share success stories pertaining to successful reclamation outcomes. She gave an account of her experiences successfully navigating scenarios involving bankruptcy and receivership.

I am confident that this opportunity to discuss NR 135 program matters, share information and network with other NR 135 reclamation program administrators was appreciated by new and veteran NR 135 administrators alike. So, all-in-all, it was a day well spent with lots of good and frank discussions and success stories to cap it off!

Sincerely,

Ann Coakley, Director  
 Bureau of Waste and Materials Management

Cc: Mr. Gerry Kokkonen, Jefferson County  
 Tom Portle – WA/5

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Sign up is underway, applications need to be turned into the NRCS office by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Currently Jefferson County has 2 applications.

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- EQIP is a continuous sign up (always taking applications) the next 'batching date/screening date' is set to be September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications with high priority screening (Everything planned and shovel ready) will have best chance at being funded.
- Currently Jefferson has 15 applications.
- There was a screening date on March 4<sup>th</sup> and there were 2 high priority applications in Jefferson. (Seasonal high tunnel & Grass waterway + Diversion)
- There will be a Cover crop sign up through EQIP with a deadline of June 10<sup>th</sup>.For the best chance at funding application will have to be high priority by that deadline.

WRE (Wetland Reserve Easements)

- There were no WRE applications for Jefferson this year
- Gretchen Oleson (farm bill biologist) is working with engineering staff to get restoration plans completed for construction and planting to begin on a 46 acre restoration this spring/summer.
- 18 onsite monitoring of WRE to do this year

If anyone has any questions please have them call or email me.

Thank you,

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# CSP Sign-up Period

CSP provides incentive payments to producers who already practice good stewardship on their Cropland, Pastureland, and Forestland; and are willing to implement an additional enhancement over the next five years. All agricultural operations and non-industrialized private forest lands are eligible. Farmers receive an annual payment for five years, based on their level of existing stewardship.

## Common Enhancements

Plant Tissue Testing	Standing Grain for Food Plot
Drift Reducing Nozzles	Grazing Monitoring
Nitrification Inhibitors	Cover Crops
Pollinator Habitat	Split Nitrogen Application
Wildlife Friendly Hay Harvest	Host a Grazing Field Day

**\*\*Many More\*\***

**Average**

**Payment =**

**\$13/ac x 5**

**years**

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**Natural Resources  
Conservation Service**

*Helping People Help the Land*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_\_**

**Resolution Designating Snowmobile Trails on County Land**

Executive Summary

Jefferson County Resolution 1972-61 was adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors designating specific county land for the purpose of snowmobiling and included land that was formerly known as the Countryside Home and Hospital and land on which the current Jefferson County Highway facility has been built. Following sale of the former Countryside Home and Hospital and construction of the current Jefferson County Highway facility, the County land designated in Resolution 1972-61 for the purpose of snowmobiling was no longer available for snowmobile trail use. Because of this, the Jefferson County Snowmobile Community has requested that Jefferson County designate alternate County land that can be used for connecting existing snowmobile trails within the County. The Land and Water Conservation Committee considered this request and recommends that the County owned land described below and in the attached map be designated for snowmobile trail use.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Resolution 1972-61 was adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors designating County land for the purpose of snowmobiling that included land on which the former Countryside Home and Hospital was located and land on which the current Jefferson County Highway facility has been built, and

WHEREAS, following the sale of the former Countryside Home and Hospital and construction of the current Jefferson County Highway facility, the County land designated for the purpose of snowmobiling is no longer available for snowmobile trail use, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Snowmobile Community has requested that Jefferson County designate alternate County land that can be used for connecting existing snowmobile trails within the County, and

WHEREAS, the attached map designates County land to be used for snowmobile trails with such trails being located south of the current highway facility, west of Highway 26, over Highway 26 by way of Highway W and using the Glacial River Trail as a crossing point.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson County Resolution 1972-61 is hereby repealed in its entirety and the County land shown in the attached map, incorporated by reference, is hereby designated for snowmobile trail use with such trails being located south of the current highway facility, west of Highway 26, over Highway 26 by way of Highway W and using the Glacial River Trail as a crossing point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that travel on the aforementioned land shall be by designated trails as indicated by trail markings and nothing contained in the resolution shall authorize random snowmobiling upon County owned land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land and Water Conservation Committee shall have oversight and control of the use and location of the trails on County property not inconsistent with this resolution and shall report any complaints to the County Administrator, which in the discretion of the County Board, may be cause for termination of this authorization.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution will have no fiscal impact.*

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by  
Land & Water Conservation Committee

04-19-16

J. Blair Ward: 03-15-16

REVIEWED: Administrator \_\_\_\_\_; Corp. Counsel \_\_\_\_\_; Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_

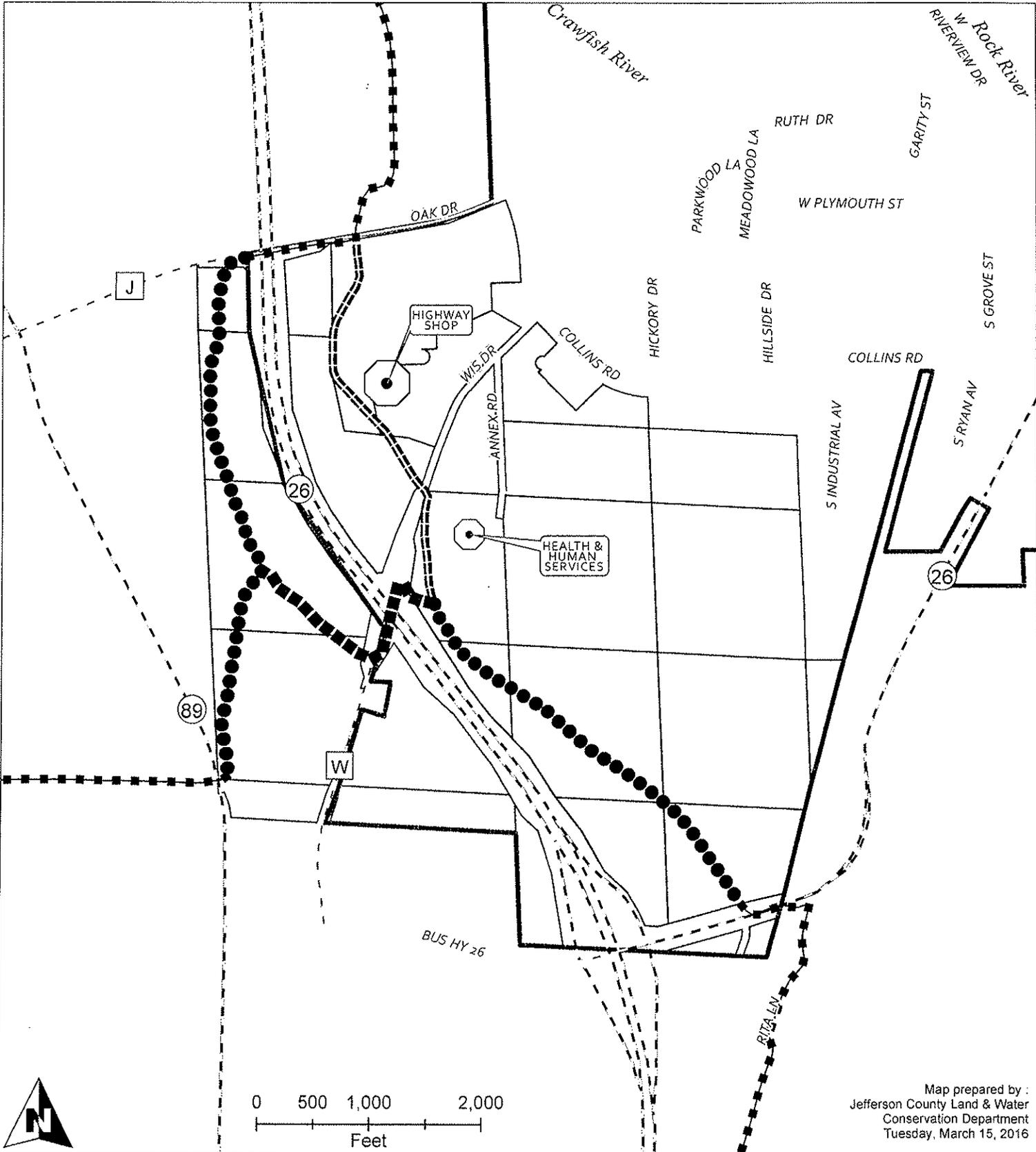
# Exhibit A

## SNOW MOBILE TRAIL

-  County Land
-  City of Jefferson

-  PROPOSED COUNTY FARM ALIGNMENT
-  PROPOSED TRAIL CONNECTOR

-  VACATED
-  CURRENT TRAIL ALIGNMENT



Map prepared by :  
Jefferson County Land & Water  
Conservation Department  
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