



RESOLUTION 22-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENTING ELEMENTS OF THE NIRPC LIVING STREETS POLICY FOR PROGRAMMED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) promotes an equitable and effective multimodal, regional land use/transportation system that is safe, as well as energy, environmentally and fiscally efficient, maximizes regional connectivity, serves the mobility needs of all citizens, utilizes stormwater runoff mitigation best practices, improves the health of the general public, and is environmentally sensitive; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC promotes sustainable and resilient transportation that encourages walking, rolling, bicycling and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users, while improving the natural and built environment via the integration of more energy efficient and ecologically friendly management practices, as increased walking, rolling and cycling offers the potential for better air quality, reduces motor traffic, curbs fossil fuel reliance, fosters a more efficient right-of-way, promotes greater health of the local population cleans and manages stormwater runoff while allowing for the implementation of permeable surfaces, referred to commonly as “Green Infrastructure” concepts; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure policies and Green Street requirements have been, and continue to be, adopted nationwide at state, regional, and municipal levels in the interest of adherence to EPA guidance and stormwater requirements that post-development stormwater quality improvements; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC is responsible for planning and programming transportation projects that utilize federal grants which adhere to goals and objectives from previously adopted documents such as the *NWI 2050 Plan* and *Greenways and Blueways 2020*; and other applicable documents; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC adopted a Complete Street Policy & Guidelines in 2010, expanded to the Living Streets Policy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Policy Committee has duly voted to recommend these Green Infrastructure Guidelines as the official design guidance for Green Infrastructure requirements of the Living Streets Policy to aid in the development of sustainable, resilient transportation corridors in the NIRPC region of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NIRPC duly adopts the *Complete Streets Complete Networks* manual, with amendments, as the official design guidance for projects directly programed by NIRPC.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 21st day of July, two thousand and twenty-two.



Justin Kiel
Chair

ATTEST:

