

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WAKEMAN, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-R-11/12 JJA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BUCKEYE TRAIL  
TRAIL TOWN

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BUCKEYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, OHIO AS A TRAIL TOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail Association (aka BTA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 127B West Main St., Shawnee, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the BTA is dedicated to building, maintaining, protecting and promoting the use of the Buckeye Trail, described as Ohio's State Trail, a 1,444-mile-long distance hiking trail connecting the four corners of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail offers a variety of outdoor experiences throughout Ohio to connect visitors to nature; and

WHEREAS, a Trail Town is located on or near the Buckeye Trail which offers basic tourism amenities and can be marked as a nature-based tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Buckeye Trail passes through the Village of Wakeman; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (aka MOU) between the BTA and Trail Town was established to help each other accomplish mutually beneficial objectives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, STATE OF OHIO: (RC 731.18)

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING with the BUCKEYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION designating the Village of Wakeman, Ohio as a Trail Town. (ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE)

SECTION 2. DISPENSE WITH THREE READINGS. That the legislative authority, upon a vote of at least three-fourths of its members, hereby dispenses with the rule requiring each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days. [R.C. 705.15 and 731.17(A)(2)]

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT. That by two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the legislative authority, this Ordinance/Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure pursuant to RC 731.30, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the

municipal corporation and shall go into immediate effect for the following reason(s):

*The Village Administrator reports that the Memorandum of Understanding is due as soon as possible.*

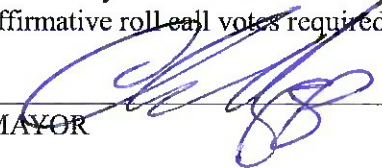
SECTION 4. PUBLIC MEETING. It is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution/Ordinance were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9 day of May, 2022.

AUTHENTICATION and ATTESTATION  
(RC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing Ordinance/Resolution received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by R.C. 731.17.

  
MAYOR

  
FISCAL OFFICER

Vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal as follows R.C. 731.17(A)(3):

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

First Reading: May 9, 2022  
Second Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))  
Third Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO FORM [See also RC 731.21(B)]:

SP (JLP)  
VILLAGE SOLICITOR, Steve Palmer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING  
(RC 731.25)

I hereby certify that pursuant to R.C. 731.25, a succinct summary of the above legislation was posted in not less than five of the most public places in the municipal corporation as determined by the legislative authority [see Wakeman Code 123.01] for a period of not less than fifteen days prior to the effective date at the following locations:

- 1) Wakeman Public Library, 18 East Abbott Street; and
- 2) Electronically online at official Village website; and
- 3) Wakeman Post Office, 17 West Main Street; and
- 4) Village of Wakeman Municipal Building, 59 Hyde Street; and
- 5) Mickey Mart, 52 West Main Street.

  
FISCAL OFFICER/COUNCIL CLERK

ATTACHMENT

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Buckeye Trail Association and Wakeman, Ohio**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between Buckeye Trail Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, located at 127B West Main Street, Shawnee, OH 43782, hereinafter referred to as BTA, Ohio, and the village of Wakeman located at 59 Hyde Street, Wakeman OH 44887, hereinafter referred to as Trail Town.

Purpose: The purpose of this MOU is to promote the natural and cultural heritage of Ohio as a destination for visitors who increasingly ask for outdoor experiences and places to hike.

Statement of Mutual Interests and Benefits: BTA is dedicated to building, maintaining, protecting and promoting the use of Ohio's State Trail, a 1,444-mile-long distance hiking trail connecting the four corners of Ohio, called the Buckeye Trail, providing a variety of outdoor experiences throughout Ohio to connect visitors to the wonders of nature. The Trail Town is on or near the Buckeye Trail which offers basic tourism amenities and can be marketed as a nature-based tourism destination, resulting in local economic stimulus and increased public awareness of the natural and cultural heritage of Ohio.

This MOU is established between BTA and Trail Town to help each other accomplish mutually beneficial objectives:

- A. Educate local businesses of the value of the Buckeye Trail as an economic resource.
- B. Enable both parties to apply for targeted grants to assist in the community's efforts towards nature-based tourism development, economic development, and trail-related infrastructure development through the development of promotional products, educational resources or signature events.
- C. Increased usage and awareness of the Buckeye Trail attracting more eco-tourists to local communities.
- D. Promote responsible tourism development within the community and support of the Buckeye Trail.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

The Buckeye Trail Association shall:

1. Promote the Trail Town as a destination through its website and other media.
2. Offer outreach materials to the community such as brochures, newsletters, posters, displays, etc.
3. Provide detailed information on hiking opportunities near the community which can be reproduced and distributed to visitors to Trail Town.
4. Provide periodic guided hikes that depart from the Trail Town.
5. Provide support at local festivals or other community events to encourage interest in the Buckeye Trail when possible.
6. Provide two 18" x 24" metal signs with the Buckeye Trail logos for posting at the entrances to Trail Town.

7. Regularly maintain the section(s) of the Buckeye Trail near the Trail Town so that casual day hikers can easily locate and follow it.

Trail Town shall:

1. Include the Buckeye Trail and the BTA in their promotional materials.
2. Make Buckeye information available to the public at the local visitor centers and/or Chamber of Commerce and provide space for a BTA display or wall mounted poster.
3. Work with the local BTA contact to promote periodic guided hikes or events
4. Assist in promoting special designations such as National Trails Day.
5. Monitor the number of visitors who are seeking the Trail Town as a destination for hiking.
6. Attract businesses that support nature-based tourism such as outfitters, hostels, and shuttling services and assure that BTA maps and guides will be available from a business in town for visitors to purchase.
7. Encourage local businesses to provide discounts on accommodations or special weekend packages for visitors who show their BTA membership card.
8. Install the two Buckeye Trail signs at the entrances of the community as soon as possible after the issuance of the Proclamation.

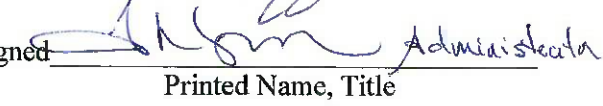
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**Wakeman, Ohio**

Signed   
Printed Name, Title

5/9/22  
Date

Signed   
Printed Name, Title

5/9/22  
Date

**Buckeye Trail Association**

Signed Andrew Bashaw, Executive Director

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Date