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January 15, 2014

Community Preservation Committee
Town of Groveland
183 Main Street
Groveland, MA 01834

RE: Proposed Groveland Community Trail

Dear Committee Members:

I'm writing to you to convey the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission's support for the proposed Groveland Community Trail. We've reviewed the Trail concept prepared by members of the Town's Open Space and Trails Committee and find that it is excellent.

MVPC staff, member communities, and transportation advocates are working to create a region-wide network of bicycling and walking facilities that offer practical multimodal transportation options. In particular, Groveland residents have been participating in an Advisory Committee that we host for the purpose of advancing a linear trail that would connect Groveland with the Border to Boston Trail in Georgetown and the Bradford Rail Trail in Haverhill ("the Georgetown Branch Rail Trail"). In our view, if the Groveland Community Trail was constructed it would strengthen connections among local civic, residential and employment areas. It would also form an important connection to the Georgetown Branch project cited above.

The Town's current efforts to advance preliminary project development are an important step that can help secure other funding to complete design and construct the project at a future date. My staff is available to advise on the trail development process from our perspective and to assist the Town as the Project advances.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. DiZoglio
Executive Director