

Friends of Rails to Trails Vancouver Island

Request for Endorsement:

The Island Corridor (E&N Corridor) is a publicly owned asset which formerly provided passenger rail service between Victoria, Courtenay and Port Alberni. It has been unused for passenger rail service for more than ten years because of safety concerns. Former rail corridors are ideal for multi-use active transportation trails.

Active transportation includes various modes of self-propelled movement including walking, wheelchair rolling, skateboarding, and cycling. Active transportation provides a safe, healthy, enjoyable economical alternative to driving and rail service. Active transportation trails support more equitable, vibrant, and livable communities and can be used with public transit to reduce reliance on personal motor vehicles. They reduce healthcare costs, noise pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Friends of Rails to Trails (FORT-VI) is promoting the conversion of the Island Corridor to a continuous, multi-use active transportation trail on the existing rail-bed to maximize its benefit to Vancouver Island and the Province of BC.

We are asking you to show your support for this by signing this Endorsement and returning it with your logo or other identifier and your website address to website@fortvi.ca. We will post a link on our website and use in printed material. FORT-VI would be pleased to supply you with information pamphlets and our logo for distribution and display by your organization. If possible we would appreciate you putting our logo and a link on your website. Thank you.

Endorsement Statement: *We endorse the conversion of the Island Corridor to a continuous active transportation trail.*

Name of business: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____