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The Honorable Raymond L. Herring, Mayor
Town of Swepsonville
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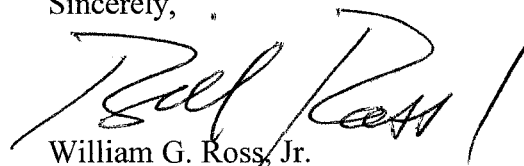
Dear Mayor Herring:

It is my honor to designate the one-mile Swepsonville River Park Trail as a segment of North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail. I appreciate and commend your efforts to plan, construct and manage this important first segment of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail in Alamance County.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Division of Parks and Recreation, the State Trails Program and the North Carolina Trails Committee share a vision of a system of well-planned and managed trails throughout North Carolina for all users: hikers, cyclists, equestrians, canoeists, and off-road vehicle enthusiasts. The Mountains-to-Sea Trail serves as the spine for this growing statewide system of trails.

Partnerships are vital to the successful planning and management of this statewide trails system, in sharing the vision and willingness to commit time and resources to make trails, greenways and blueways. It is with pleasure that we say thank you to the Town of Swepsonville for your work in building and maintaining the Swepsonville River Park Trail, now an official segment of North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

Sincerely,


William G. Ross, Jr.

Mr. Mayor,

*Congratulations! I look forward
to walking the trail.*

Bill