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The City of Hutchinson is pleased to offer our support of the Arkansas River Water Trail application to the National Water Trails System. We have partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and other communities in the development of the Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan. This plan outlines the importance of the recreational opportunities that the Arkansas River offers, identifies current access points and makes recommendations for future river access locations.

Currently the City of Hutchinson has one public access point to the Arkansas River, Cary Park. The park features many amenities including a paved hiking/biking trail that leads from a parking lot over the levee with multiple primitive accesses to the river.

We understand that such designation does not require regulations or compromise us to manage the City of Hutchinson controlled land in any manner. We also understand that receiving this designation will increase awareness and the visitation to the Arkansas River Water Trail, the public lands along the river corridor and the trail communities. The Arkansas River Trail and its access points can benefit from the technical assistance and any future funding available from the National Water Trail System.

Thank you for your consideration and we strongly support this designation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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