



## *Toolkits for the Quiet Majority*

### Challenging Public Funding of Motorized Recreation

## Action Step #4

# Amending or opposing local resolutions to provide public funding to snowmobile and ATV clubs

Public funds for motorized recreation are disbursed by local governments acting as fiscal agents to the snowmobile and ATV clubs they sponsor. To disburse these funds a formal resolution must be read and voted upon by the local body of elected officials. Generally, grant applications are approved in the spring with disbursement of public funds in the fall, but citizens should take care to observe local funding timelines. It is on the latter that we are focused. Long before this date arrives you will have already communicated how you want your local resolution to read. Below is recommended language to include in resolutions to provide public funding of motorized recreation. Also, recommended below is a separate resolution to provide fiscal agents with funds for fulfilling their oversight responsibility and resolving identified problems.

## Two MRR Recommendations for Local Resolutions

### a. Resolutions for public funding of motorized recreation will contain the following:

1. **Public and environmental review** to select routes for motorized recreation
2. **Designated routes only** policy requiring machines to stay on selected routes
3. **Adequate enforcement** to keep riders on selected routes
4. Funds to **repair accumulating damage**
5. **Oversight and accountability** to ensure above objectives are accomplished

b. Local unit of government will pass a resolution to take a administrative fee (20% or more) from motorized recreation grants to cover costs of compliance, oversight in the field, damage repair, enforcement and other costs to be enumerated by local citizens with the local unit of government.

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