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TO: ERIC EVANS, President of Council

FROM: RALPH CARP, Director of Parks & Public Property

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2013

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: Northampton County Open Space Initiative

I request Council consideration of the attached Resolution for authority to apply for Northampton County Open Space Initiative funding. The total allocation for the City of Bethlehem is $934,371.17 and the City has secured the appropriate funding match either through the Non-Utility Capital or State grants.

Six projects have been identified that meet the eligibility criteria for funding: Reassessment/Rehabilitation of City Owned Parks; Greenway/Skateplaza Plaza and Pavilion; Johnston Park Dam Removal and Restoration of Natural Resources; Rehabilitation and Flood Control at Monocacy Creek Illick’s Mill area; Rehabilitation of NevinPlace/Sun Inn Courtyard; and Rehabilitation of Earl E. Schaffer Ice Rink.

Application for funding is due in March of 2013.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like further information regarding this funding initiative.

Thank you.

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Ralph Carp, Director

Parks & Public Property

Attachment

Cc: Mayor Callahan

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RESOLUTION NO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that,

WHEREAS, The City of Bethlehem recognizes that the City needs to provide park and recreation facilities that contribute to the quality of life and economic health of our community; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Northampton County has established the Northampton County Open Space Initiative supported by a referendum overwhelmingly passed by Northampton County Voters on November 2, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality to acquire land for park purposes and for park development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania wishes to participate in the Municipal Park Acquisition and Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the municipality will have available $934,371.17, its required match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania hereby approves the filing of an application for funds under the Park Acquisition and Development Program.

2. That Ralph Carp, Director of Parks and Public Property, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board.

 Sponsored by

 ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2013.

 President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk