



# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Adam W. Waldron, President of Council

From: Jodi M. Evans, Recreation Director

RE: Request for Resolution of Support

Date: October 29, 2020

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Attached to this memo, please find a draft resolution in support of a grant application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund offered through the PA Department of Transportation. The project cost estimate as per URDC is \$363,740, and we are requesting \$213,740 to support the expansion of the Monocacy Way trail from Sand Island to Schoenersville Road. The project connects the existing trail to the D & L Corridor to further improve our trail system. We propose to use \$150,000 of existing Recreation Fees to complete the funding needed.

The City currently has grant funding to improve and expand the Monocacy Way trail from Schoenersville Road north to the Memorial Pool Complex and Illick's Mill. This northern stretch of the trail is funded with both DCNR funds and Northampton County Open Space funds. The project is in final design and construction is anticipated in 2021.

The proposed southern stretch will improve the trail and close the trail gap between the D & L trail and Schoenersville Road.

Cc: Robert J. Donchez, Mayor  
William P. Leeson, Esq., City Solicitor  
Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works  
Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Alicia Karner, Director of Community & Economic Development  
Eric R. Evans, Business Administrator  
Mark W. Sivak, Director of Budget and Finance  
George Yasso, Controller

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is desirous of obtaining funds from the PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$213,740 to expand and improve the Monocacy Way trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem has prepared a grant application for such funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem will assume the provision of the full local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem will reimburse the Commonwealth for the State's share of any expenditures found by PennDOT to be ineligible;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM:

1. That the grant application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund from the City of Bethlehem to improve and expand the Monocacy Way trail is approved.
2. That the Mayor and the Controller of the City of Bethlehem are authorized to provide the necessary assurances and certifications to the PA Department of Transportation for the grant execution and implementation.

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADOPTED** by Council this    day of           , 2020.

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President of Council

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk