

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

TO: Michael G. Colón, President of Council

FROM: Darlene L. Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning

RE: Resolution to accept Northampton County Livable Landscapes and DCNR funds for Monocacy Way Expansion

Attached are two resolutions to allow the City to accept funds from both the Northampton County Open Space Initiative Livable Landscapes Grant Program and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the City of Bethlehem.

The Department is looking to apply for both the Northampton County Livable Landscapes grant and DCNR funds to assist in the funding the expansion of the Monocacy Trail from Schoenersville Road to the D&L trail. This section is a critical component of the local and regional trail network, and is one of the recommendations of *Beth Connects: A Trail Study*. The total estimated cost for the project is \$882,951.39, the City is requesting \$442,000 from the Northampton County Livable Landscapes grant, and the same amount (\$442,000) from the DCNR grant in order to meet the matching funds requirement.

Please place these resolutions on a council agenda for consideration at your earliest convenience. Please contact our office if you need any additional information.

CC: City Council members
Mayor Reynolds
Laura Collins
Mike Alkhal

DATE: _____

Darlene L. Heller
Director of Planning and Zoning

RESOLUTION _____

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem recognizes that the Municipality contains natural areas that contribute to the quality of life and economic health of our community which are worthy of preservation and/or restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council adopted Ordinance #603-2015, titled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "THE LIVABLE LANDSCAPES – AN OPEN SPACE PLAN PROGRAM FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 21ST CENTURY OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE" on January 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality to protect significant natural areas and rehabilitate degraded and underutilized lands that are important examples of Northampton County's natural heritage and park and recreation system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem, wishes to participate in the Livable Landscapes Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality will have the required match of \$ 442,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Municipality as follows:

1. That the Municipality hereby approves the filing of an application for funds under the Livable Landscape Grant Program.
2. That the Department of Community and Economic Development, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Northampton County Conservation Coordinator.

This Resolution has been duly prepared and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Bethlehem in public meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of _____, _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem ("Applicant") desires to undertake the following project: Monocacy Way Expansion – Schoenersville Road to D & L Corridor.

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Grant Agreement Signature Page"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," included appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The "Grant Agreement Signature Page" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the Official who, at the time of signing, has TITLE of Mayor.
2. If this Official signed the "Grant Agreement Signature Page" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "Grant Agreement Signature Page", signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the TITLE specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

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ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of _____, _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk