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Mayor Robert Donchez
City of Bethlehem
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RE: DCNR Grant Support
Monocacy Park & Memorial Pool Improvements

Dear Mayor Donchez,

The Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is pleased to lend support to the City's commitment to the capital improvements and upgrades to Monocacy Park and Memorial Pool. This is a significant capital effort for Bethlehem to undertake and we are happy to be even a small part of this initiative.

Monocacy Park is an important regional park in Bethlehem that provides a core of activity, including swimming, hiking trails, a multi-purpose ice rink, open space, ball fields, a nature trail, access to Monocacy Creek for fishing and much more. The pool area is at the core of the park and this area is very much at the hub for the entire park. The City's recent study of Park Infrastructure documented that Memorial Pool and its accessory structures are in dire need of capital upgrades and have been utilized well past their useful lifetime. The pool must be substantially upgraded or replaced. The EAC supports the proposed capital investment in the Monocacy Park and Memorial Pool to alleviate the continued expenditure of funds in only a temporary approach.

The proposed Memorial Pool upgrades will create a pool environment in the heart of the City that will be inviting to families, local schools, daycares and competitive leagues. We look forward to having a pool that will be inviting to all members of the community and we will provide our support to this project in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Lynn Rothman

Lynn Rothman, Chair
On behalf of the Bethlehem EAC:
John Brunner Kathy Fox
Jack Gambino Brian Hillard
Mike Topping
cc: Members of City Council