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TO: WILLIAM REYNOLDS, President of Council

FROM: RALPH CARP, Director of Parks & Public Property

DATE: MARCH 4, 2015

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 funding for three projects (Rehabilitation of Monocacy Creek at Illick’s Mill, HBI Dam Removal, and Greenway Pavilion) leaving a balance of $583,782. Of this balance, I would like to request $210,000 of Northampton County Open Space allotment for a new Monocacy Creek Bridge. The grant application is due by March 31, 2015.

The appropriate funding match will come from other grants opportunities such as PA Department of Environmental and Natural Resources and Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

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 Donchez

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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 $210,000, 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. The Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board.

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ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2015.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk