

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** J. William Reynolds, City Council President  
**FROM:** Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
**RE:** Northampton County Open Space Grant Application

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Attached is a resolution to forward a grant application request to the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board.

The grant request is for upgrade and expansion of the trail system in and around the Monocacy Park complex. This project was outlined in the recently completed Trail Feasibility Study.

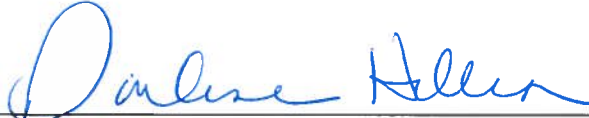
The total remaining allocation of Open Space funds is \$285,782.17 and the full amount of those funds is requested for this project. The grant funds requested from Northampton County are proposed to be matched with DCNR funds so that the project is not anticipated to require municipal funds.

This resolution is forwarded for consideration at your upcoming meeting.

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cc: Mayor Donchez  
City Council members  
J. Persa  
A. Karner  
M. Alkhal

DATE: March 16, 2017

  
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Darlene Heller  
Director of Planning and Zoning

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

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 develop land for park purposes and for improved park development; and

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

WHEREAS, the municipality is requesting to utilize the balance of available open space funds and will have available the required \$285,000 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.

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this      day of      , 2017

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President of Council

Attest:

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City Clerk