

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #38-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR TO REQUEST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE SMALL SCALE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SAUCON RAIL TRAIL

WHEREAS, in 2009, the municipalities of Coopersburg Borough, Hellertown Borough, Lower Saucon Township and Upper Saucon Township entered into a thirty (30) year lease agreement with SEPTA for the inactive rail line that ran through the four communities; and

WHEREAS, in May 2011, after construction of gates, bridge railings, and a gravel surface on the railbed, the Saucon Rail Trail was opened to the general public for use as a recreational trail; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide parking and access to the trail in Lower Saucon Township, the Reading Drive Trailhead property was acquired by the Township and improved with the installation of a parking lot, picnic, and toilet facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the spread of invasive plants that are prevalent along the Township's portion of the trail, and to provide guidance for the maintenance and control of these invasives, the Township commissioned the Planner to prepare a Small Scale Management Plan to be completed in three phases; and

WHEREAS, when completed, this plan will also be useful as a guide for organizations and volunteers who may wish to adopt sections of the trail, remove the invasives, and replace them with appropriate native plantings; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to submit a grant application to the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor for the purpose of securing funding for the completion of Phase II of the Small Scale Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That Lower Saucon Township hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor for the purpose of securing funding for the completion of Phase II of the Small Scale Management Plan.
2. That Lower Saucon Township does hereby designate Jack Cahalan, Township Manager, as the official authorized to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Saucon Township and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.
3. That Lower Saucon Township hereby approves the necessary matching share of \$4,500 for this grant application.

ADOPTED and **ENACTED** this 4th day of March, 2015.

Attest

Lower Saucon Township

Jack Cahalan
Secretary

Ronald Horiszny
Council President