

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #40-2016

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY'S RESTORATION AND DAM REMOVAL ALONG THE SAUCON CREEK AT WATER STREET

WHEREAS, the Wildlands Conservancy has been working with municipalities in the Lehigh Valley to restore waterways that flow through public property and have found dam removal has been a very successful method of improving stream health and alleviating flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Saucon Dam at the Water Street bridge is jointly owned by Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Saucon Dam is located on the Saucon Creek at the convergence of the Silver Creek immediately upstream from the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the dam is in disrepair and the remnants exacerbate flooding at a location that is problematic in high flows; and

WHEREAS, Hellertown Borough has requested Wildlands Conservancy's assistance with stream restoration and dam removal that was a specific recommendation listed in the 2009 Saucon Creek Watershed Conservation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed dam removal project is subject to approval by all permitting agencies, including but not limited to, the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC), PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, and PA Fish and Boat Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township approves Wildlands Conservancy to mitigate stream flooding and improve stream health by removing the Saucon Dam at the Water Street bridge.

ADOPTED and **ENACTED** this 16th day of March, 2016.

Attest

Lower Saucon Township

Leslie Huhn
Secretary

Ron Horiszny
Council President