

TOWNSHIP: London Grove

RESOLUTION # 661

PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTINA WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP PILOT Collaboration Project

WHEREAS, London Grove Township lies within the [East Branch White Clay Creek watershed] and within the Christina Basin, and discharges to streams or tributaries therein that have been designated as "non-attaining" of their water quality standards ("impaired") in the Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (2014), pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, some portions of which have a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established for sediments and/or nutrients; and

WHEREAS, the London Grove Township is required under the Clean Water Act and Pennsylvania NPDES municipal separate stormsewer system (MS4) regulations to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) by September 2017 plans to improve water quality of these "impaired" streams and to achieve specific stormwater pollutant load reduction goals established by PADEP and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and, thereafter, to implement those plans until the stream water quality is fully restored to the State standards; and

WHEREAS, other adjacent municipalities also discharge stormwater to these "impaired" streams and are under the same regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the London Grove Township has been a participant for 10 years in the Christina Basin TMDL Implementation Partnership (CTIP), and wishes to continue its participation in this partnership, which is now the Christina Watersheds Partnership, to continue working with 32 other municipalities within the Christina Watersheds to exchange information, collaborate and coordinate on water quality improvements and related activities to address these regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, as the convener and lead coordinator of the Christina TMDL Implementation Partnership and now the Christina Watersheds Partnership, has received a two year grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide the London Grove Township specialized assistance from technical experts in planning, permitting, restoration and finance to: produce individual municipal MS4 permit application materials that include legally enforceable best management practice (BMP) implementation commitments across contiguous municipalities; demonstrate pollution reduction within each municipality over the permit term; and provide a strategy to work toward eliminating stream impairments within a 15-20 year planning horizon; and

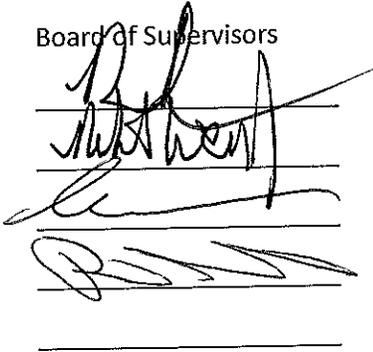
WHEREAS, the townships and boroughs in the Christina Watersheds recognize that working together to meet these regulatory requirements by developing watershed-level plans involving multiple Pennsylvania municipalities will, in principal, identify where collaboration among the municipalities could result in cost savings and better water quality outcomes, and result in more efficient and effective stormwater pollution reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, the other adjacent townships and boroughs in the [East Branch White Clay Creek watershed] have also been invited and are considering participation in this pilot collaboration project;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the [Board of Supervisors] of London Grove Township that:

1. London Grove Township commits to participate in the Christina Watersheds Partnership Pilot Collaboration Program for the next two years.
2. The commitment to participate includes:
  - a. Involvement by municipal staff and engineer to work on a multi-municipal pilot area planning team, including monthly meetings, attendance at other project meetings, and related supportive work, as deemed appropriate by the municipality;
  - b. Sharing of non-proprietary, non-confidential data as deemed appropriate by the municipality; and
  - c. Financial support of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per year) to the Christina Watersheds Partnership, payable to the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance as the project manager.
  
3. As and when required by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, 53 P.S. Section 481, *et seq.*, as amended), London Grove Township will adopt an appropriate ordinance to authorize entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the furtherance of its participation in the Christina Watersheds Partnership Pilot Collaboration Program.

Board of Supervisors



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