

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH HEIGHTS SUPPORTING THE BOROUGH OF MONACA'S SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE PENNSLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE OHIO RIVER TRAIL PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOROUGH OF SOUTH HEIGHTS TO SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 DOLLARS IN SUPPORT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

WHEREAS, the County of Beaver has adopted the Beaver County Greenways and Trails Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends the connection of Beaver County's Trail network to regional, statewide and inter-state trail networks, including the Montour Trail; and

WHEREAS, Monaca Borough has contacted the County of Beaver and has proposed a project that involves the construction of a walking/bike/multi-use trail located on the left bank of the Ohio River, said trail to connect the Borough of Monaca to the Montour Trail at mile marker 0 located in Coraopolis Borough, Allegheny County (Ohio River Trail Project); and

WHEREAS, Monaca Borough and/or the County of Beaver have met with those Beaver County municipalities of Aliquippa City, Center Township, Hopewell Township and South Heights Borough as well as major property owners in Beaver County through which the Ohio River Trail will pursue; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those meetings, it has been determined that a feasibility study for the Ohio River Trail Project (Feasibility Study) should be undertaken and completed; and

WHEREAS, grant funding to support the undertaking and completion of the Feasibility Study will be sought from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Feasibility Study has been estimated at \$35,000 and;

WHEREAS, any DCNR grant funds received will require matching funds and/or a match via in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, Aliquippa City, Center Township, Hopewell Township, Monaca Borough and South Heights Borough have indicated their willingness to each commit \$1,000 in cash in matching funds to support the Feasibility Study and Beaver County has indicated its willingness to commit \$2,000 in cash and \$4,000 in-kind services in matching funds for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County of Beaver will also provide technical assistance by preparing the DCNR grant application for the Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, Monaca Borough and the County of Beaver have also been informed of the intent of residents of Beaver County to form a non-profit organization that can also contribute services and/or matching funds associated with the Feasibility Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH HEIGHTS HEREBY SUPPORTS THE OHIO RIVER TRAIL PROJECT AND SUPPORTS THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO DCNR FOR FUNDS TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE OHIO RIVER TRAIL PROJECT. AUTHORIZES THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOROUGH OF SOUTH HEIGHTS TO SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND COMMITS MATCHING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 DOLLARS IN SUPPORT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING HELD THIS ____ DAY _____, 2009
