

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEMARSH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PLAN TO IDENTIFY PROPERTIES
THAT ARE SUBJECT TO RECURRING FLOODING PROBLEMS FOR POSSIBLE
ACQUISITION FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Township adopted an Open Space Plan in 2006, as part of the Whitemarsh Township Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the provisions of Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101 *et seq.*, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that in order to minimize the effects of stormwater runoff from certain properties within the Township that are subject to recurring flooding problems, and to promote the availability of open space within the Township, it is appropriate to amend the Open Space Plan (the "Plan"), adopted in 2006 as a supplement to the Whitemarsh Township Comprehensive Plan adopted on November 20, 2003, in order to identify such properties for possible acquisition by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the overall objective of the Plan amendment is to allow the Township to acquire properties that are prone to flooding and return them permanently to meadow condition, using Act 153 Earned Income Tax funds. This amendment will allow such acquisitions to comply with the provisions of the Open Space Lands Act, Act 153 of 1996, 32 P.S. § 5001 *et seq.*, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment of the Open Space Plan will facilitate the ability of the Township to meet its goals of providing pocket parks and/or public commons areas or, where applicable, providing connections to existing trails and pathways, in order to provide each community within the Township a means of access to open space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 26th day of April, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Whitemarsh, that:

The Whitemarsh Township Open Space Plan, in accordance with comments provided by the Whitemarsh Township Planning Commission and Open Space Committee, as well as the Montgomery County Planning Commission, is hereby amended to revise Chapter 5, "Recommendations," to add the following paragraph TW-8 to the section entitled "Township-Wide Policy Recommendations":

TW-8: Identify properties that are subject to recurring flooding problems for possible acquisition by the Township for open space purposes, to meet the Township's goals of purchasing properties in strategic locations within neighborhoods, to provide pocket parks and/or public commons areas, or, where applicable, providing connections to existing trails and pathways, in order to provide each community within the Township a means of access to open space.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned authorized officials of the Township of Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have hereunto set our signatures and affixed hereto the Seal of the Township.



BRUCE G. HORROCKS
Secretary
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ROBERT R. HART
Chair