

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEMARSH  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY  
LISTED AS “HOVENDEN HOUSE, BARN & ABOLITION HALL” IN THE ‘PRIORITY  
OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES’ CATEGORY ON THE PLAN’S APPROPRIATE  
RECOMMENDATION MAPS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township adopted an Open Space Plan in 2006 (the “Plan”), 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 property known as “Hovenden House, Barn & Abolition Hall” generally located at the intersection of Butler and Germantown Pikes, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has played a key part in historic events in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, said property is currently identified on maps in Chapter 5, of the Open Space Plan, “Recommendations”, within the category known as “Priority Open Space Opportunities (Non-Acquisition)”; and

**WHEREAS**, said property is located in the Plymouth Meeting Historic District which is located within the ‘Central District’ of the Township as same is identified in the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors amended the text of the ‘Recommendations’ section of the Plan in August 2012 to provide greater recognition of the Cold Point and Plymouth Meeting Historic Districts due to the Board’s desire to acquire and/or preserve certain properties within these Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors would like to maximize its ability to acquire properties in accordance with the Open Space Lands Act, Act 153 of 1996, 32 P.S. § 5001 *et seq.*, as amended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, 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 “Map 22 Central District Recommendations” and “Map 25 Township-wide Recommendations”, both within Chapter 5, “Recommendations,” to add the property known as “Hovenden House, Barn & Abolition Hall” to the category entitled, “Priority Open Space Opportunities”.

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.

**ATTEST**

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



RICHARD L. MELLOR, JR.  
SECRETARY



ROBERT R. HART  
CHAIR