LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-17-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AS PART OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY LIVABLE LANDSCAPES PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FUNDING FOR THE UPDATE OF THE LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS & OPEN SPACE PLAN AND TO PLEDGE THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving significant natural areas within the Township as well as providing for a plan to assist in that goal; and

WHEREAS, that the Township's existing Recreation, Parks & Open Space Plan adopted in 1989 needs to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council adopted Ordinance #603-2015, titled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "LIVABLE LANDSCAPES – AN OPEN SPACE PLAN PROGRAM FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 21ST CENTURY OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE" on January 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality to acquire land to protect significant natural areas and rehabilitation of degraded and underutilized lands that are important examples of Northampton County's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the program also provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality for planning projects that "lay the groundwork" for future acquisition, development and/or management of critical habitat, open space, natural areas, greenways, river/watershed conservation, critical habitat conservation and/or open space; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Nazareth wishes to participate n the Environmental Services Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Township will have the required match available in the amount of \$27,500; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Lower Nazareth, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

- 1. That the Township of Lower Nazareth hereby approves the filing of an application for funds under the Environmental Services Assistance Grant.
- 2. That Lori A. Stauffer, Township Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with Northampton County Open Space Coordinator.

DULY ADOPTED this Litth day of March, 2018, by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at a public meeting where a quorum was present.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer

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