

RESOLUTION R 006 26

TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL'S (DNREC) OUTDOOR RECREATION, PARKS AND TRAILS (ORPT) PROGRAM FOR A GRANT TO HELP FINANCE THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A BOARDWALK AND OBSERVATION DECK AT NANTICOKE CROSSING PARK

WHEREAS, Sussex County contributed \$178,000 toward the acquisition of the approximately 41-acre property along the Nanticoke River adjacent to the Woodland Ferry to preserve open space for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Land Trust, with funding provided by Sussex County, the Delaware Open Space Program, the U.S. Navy Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Chesapeake Conservancy, and other project partners, acquired the property and designated it as Nanticoke Crossing Park; and

WHEREAS, Nanticoke Crossing Park provides public access to conserved land along the Nanticoke River and opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the property's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Land Trust is seeking additional funding for the design and installation of a boardwalk and observation deck at Nanticoke Crossing Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will expand opportunities for public access, nature observation, and outdoor recreation while supporting the long-term conservation and public use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Land Trust will be the project manager of the project and will be responsible for maintaining the property; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County has been asked to submit an ORPT Grant request in a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00 to support the design and installation of the boardwalk and observation deck at Nanticoke Crossing Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sussex County Council of Sussex County, Delaware hereby acknowledges its support of Nanticoke Crossing Park; approves and acknowledges the ORPT application and submission on behalf of the Sussex County Land Trust for a 2026 DNREC ORPT Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00; and furthermore designates the Sussex County Land Trust's Executive Director to serve as the ORPT Grant's Project Manager if an ORPT Grant is awarded.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 006 26 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.


Tracy N. Torbert
Clerk of the Council