

RESOLUTION NO. R 016 23

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 CONSTRUCTION OF HUDSON PARK AS A TRAILHEAD TO THE LEWES TO GEORGETOWN RAIL TO TRAIL.

WHEREAS, in 2019, Sussex County granted Sussex County Land Trust \$450,000 to purchase the 30-acre property adjacent to Route 9 to preserve open space for public use; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Sussex County Land Trust, with the funds provided by the State of Delaware Open Space Council, a previous ORPT grant, and the County funds, took ownership of the property and designated it as Hudson Park; and

WHEREAS, the Lewes-Georgetown trail runs along the northern border of the property; and

WHEREAS, a parking area and connection to the Lewes-Georgetown Trail is planned for this property; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Land Trust will be the project manager of the project and will later 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 \$143,500.00 to further support the trailhead at Hudson Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sussex County Council of Sussex County, Delaware hereby acknowledges its support of Hudson Park; approves and acknowledges the ORPT application and submission on behalf of the Sussex County Land Trust for a 2023 DNREC ORPT Grant in the amount of \$143,500.00; and furthermore designates the Sussex County Land Trust's Executive Director, Mark Chura, 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 016 23 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.


Tracy N. Torbert
Clerk of the Council