## **RESOLUTION R 018 25**

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 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREST OF THE BROADKILL PRESERVE MASTER PLAN THAT INCLUDES TRAIL-BASED RECREATION AND EDUCATIONAL OPORTUNITIES AT THE HEADWATERS OF THE BROADKILL RIVER

WHEREAS, in 2023, Sussex County purchased 294 acres to preserve open space for public use; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County has set funds aside for stewardship of Sussex County Land Trust managed open space; and

WHEREAS, the funding is essential to establish infrastructure that supports longterm public use and conservation goals; 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 \$100,000.00 to further support the project at the Forest of the Broadkill Preserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sussex County Council of Sussex County, Delaware hereby acknowledges its support of the Forest of the Broadkill Preserve; approves and acknowledges the OPRT application and submission on behalf of the Sussex County Land Trust for a 2025 DNREC ORPT Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00; 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 018 25 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Tracy N. Torbert
Clerk of the Council