

RESOLUTION R 019 24

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 THIRD PHASE OF 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, the Sussex County Land Trust has finished the first two phases of Hudson Park and needs additional funding for the third phase.

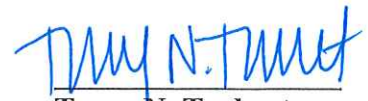
WHEREAS, the third phase includes critical aspects of the park such as additional sidewalks, completing the onsite trail system, and the infrastructure to service the proposed "Can Do" Playground; and

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 \$125,000.00 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 2024 DNREC ORPT Grant in the amount of \$125,000.00; 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 019 24 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.


Tracy N. Torbert
Clerk of the Council