

**NEW HOPE BOROUGH
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW HOPE, COUNTY
OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORTING THE LOWER
DELAWARE RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, New Hope Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania recognizes that the Delaware River and Aquetong Creek provide outstanding remarkable natural, cultural, historical, recreational and scenic resource values that are important for the quality of life and economic health of our community; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Borough recognizes the Lower Delaware River Management Plan provides a mechanism to enhance the protection of the Lower Delaware River and its' tributaries, primarily through local action while recognizing the rights of property owners; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the United States Congress designated the Lower Delaware River and three tributaries, the Tinicum, the Tohickon and the Paunacussing Creeks as part of the Wild and Scenic River system our community, under the direction of the National Park Service, has studied Aquetong Creek, and proposes it be designated part of the Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic River system within the River's Management Plan.

WHEREAS, Congressional designation of the Lower Delaware River as a Wild and Scenic River and its' tributaries does not include any federal acquisition or management of lands; public access on private lands; changes in land use regulations unless approved by each community; nor any financial obligation on the watershed Community; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Borough recognizes the benefit of forming a partnership with other municipalities and interested parties along the Lower Delaware River in protection of the Delaware River and its' tributaries; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this Resolution, and taking any action hereunder, New Hope Borough does not intend to waive, does not waive, and shall not be deemed to have waived, any statutory or other governmental immunities, protections, or defenses afforded to it by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that New Hope Borough supports the Lower Delaware River Management Plan, and will take action as appropriate to implement the goals of the plan, and endorses designation of Aquetong Creek into and as a part of the Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic River System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

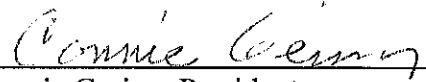
RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 15th day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:



Peter Gray, Secretary

NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Connie Gering, President