

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Kirkwood Preserve III Acquisition

WHEREAS, the preservation of open space and acquisition of interests in land benefits the public and advances the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of Willistown Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township intends to promote and encourage the preservation of lands for open space uses as defined by the Pennsylvania Open Space Lands Act, 32 P.S. §5002 *et seq.* within the Township (collectively “Open Space Uses”) by funding transactions for the acquisition of interests in real property;

WHEREAS, the funding of transactions for the acquisitions of interests in real property for Open Space Uses directly benefits the citizens of Willistown Township;

WHEREAS, in a 2020 survey of Willistown Township residents approximately 84% of responding residents ranked “securing land to preserve open space, protect the environment, and provide passive recreation” as the most important preservation, recreation, and circulation initiative;

WHEREAS, Willistown Township intends to contribute to the preservation of a certain tract of ground located in Willistown Township, containing approximately 12.24 acres and identified as Tax Parcel No. 54-7-16.1 with a street address of 2706 White Horse Road, Berwyn, PA 19312 (the “Property”);

WHEREAS, the Property possesses natural, scenic, open space, education, and/or recreational values (collectively “Conservation Values”) of great importance to the citizens of Willistown Township, the people of Chester County, and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Willistown Township hereby intends to commit the use of open space funds in an amount up to \$500,000 to be used to fund the Willistown Conservation Trust’s acquisition of the Property in furtherance of the Conservation Values of the Property and Open Space Uses within the Township, and to contribute an additional \$50,000 toward the cost of designing, permitting, and installing a stream crossing and for the construction of additional parking spaces for the benefit of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the details of the agreement between Willistown Township and the Willistown Conservation Trust for the funding of this acquisition are contained in a Memorandum of Understanding, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township **HEREBY RESOLVES** as follows in order to effectuate the acquisition of interests in real property for the above stated purposes:

1. The Township approves the expenditure of open space funds in the amount of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) toward the purchase in fee by the Willistown Conservation Trust of the above described Property and an additional Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) toward the cost of designing, permitting, and installing a stream crossing and for the construction of additional parking spaces for the benefit of the Property.

2. In furtherance of said purchase, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. The Township hereby directs and authorizes the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, Secretary, Manager, Treasurer and Solicitor of Willistown Township to expend Township funds and to do all things necessary and proper in furtherance of this Resolution for the acquisition of the Property, and all actions taken by individuals acting on behalf of the Township prior to the date of this Resolution in furtherance of the acquisition of the Property and in furtherance of the Township business in this regard are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

William R. Shoemaker, Chair

Robert T. Lange, Vice Chair

George J. McHugh IV, Member

Sally Slook, Secretary