

RESOLUTION 2014-01
RADNOR TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF CONNECTING THE CIRCUIT, THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK SO THAT OUR REGION WOULD HAVE THE COUNTRY'S MOST ROBUST AND VITAL TRAIL SYSTEM, WHERE PEOPLE COULD WALK OR BIKE TO WORK, RUN AN ERRAND, OR GET EXERCISE WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE MILES BEFORE ACCESSING A TRAIL; WHERE FEWER CHILDREN AND ADULTS WOULD SUFFER FROM OBESITY AND RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE EASY ACCESS TO PLACES TO WALK, RUN, BIKE OR PEDDLE NEAR THEIR HOME; AND WHERE EACH NEWLY-BUILT SEGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT WOULD CONNECT MORE PEOPLE TO JOBS, SHOPPING DESTINATIONS, OUTDOOR RECREATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHEREAS, trails are extremely popular, benefit all community members and consistently rank high among amenities that people want more of; and

WHEREAS, trails such as the Schuylkill River Trail have over 800,000 users annually; and

WHEREAS, physically active adults are estimated to spend \$1,000 per year LESS on medical expenditures than inactive adults, and trails help the region avoid \$199 million annually in direct medical costs; and

WHEREAS, trail projects are cost-effective, address economic and social issues by fostering economic development, by boosting tourism, by creating jobs, by improving the market value of real estate near trail corridors and by increasing access to open space; and

WHEREAS, a connected regional trail network will add value to Greater Philadelphia's existing parks and historical/cultural venues, will expand and connect a unique and highly visible amenity that is a legacy for the region's future and will keep the region competitive for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township recognize that public investment in trails must continue in order to build the remaining 450 miles so that the entire 750 miles of trails are connected into one network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Radnor Township supports Delaware County in allocating additional state or federal transportation funding to support the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Regional Trail Program so that new trail segments can be planned for, designed and constructed to Connect the Circuit. Radnor Township also supports Delaware County in allocating County funds to support planning, design and construction of trails within our County.

SO RESOLVED this day 6 of January 2014

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR

By:


Elaine P. Schaefer, President

Attest:


Robert A. Zienkowski, Secretary