

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

***PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
RENEWING GROWING GREENER***

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-40

WHEREAS, the Township of Radnor, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, has served 30,878 residents (2000 census) since 1682; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners constitutes the chief governing body of Radnor Township, with legislative and policy-making powers that affect each resident's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the responsibility to assure the fiscal health and integrity of Radnor Township; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township has the responsibility of planning for and implementing projects that accomplish the preservation of open space, economic development, historic preservation, community parks and recreation, and safe water resources; and

WHEREAS Pennsylvania's ability to attract growing businesses and to provide the quality of life this governing body seeks for its residents is hindered by the loss of open space and farmland; the failure to remediate brownfield sites and restore impaired rivers and streams; the deterioration of our state game, forest and park lands; and by the resultant financial pressures on local governments; and

WHEREAS, Township has learned that Growing Greener II will soon expire and funds for both Growing Greener I and Growing Greener II are precipitously dropping; and that this will affect Radnor Township's ability to restore and protect our local environment; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township understands that Growing Greener II has in just the past four years helped to preserve nearly 34,000 acres of working family farms in Pennsylvania; conserve more than 42,300 acres of threatened natural areas; restore over 1,600 acres of abandoned mine lands; and enhance access to outdoor recreation through 234 community park projects and 132 state park and forest infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states: "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people"; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township realizes that the Commonwealth is losing three times more forest, wildlife habitat, farmland and other open spaces to development than it is able to preserve; and over 16,000 miles of rivers and streams that are unsafe for fishing and swimming; and more than 2,000 working family farms await protection from encroaching development; and 189,000 acres of abandoned mine lands scar 44 of the Commonwealth's counties; and the grant funds available for community and county recreation, greenways and trails projects have been severely diminished; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township wishes to encourage and support the renewal of *Growing Greener* before the last of the Growing Greener II bond funds are spent in 2011,

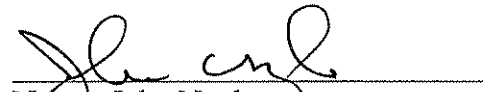
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. Radnor Township supports renewal of Growing Greener by the General Assembly and the Governor with dedicated, sustainable and long-term funding sources,
2. The signed resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of Pennsylvania, candidates for Governor, and our respective county and state legislators.

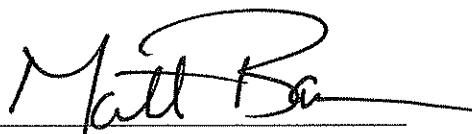
DULY ADOPTED at the regular meeting of Radnor Township this 13th day of September, A.D., 2010.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By:


Name: John Nagle
Title: President

ATTEST:


Matthew Baumann, Secretary