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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MORRIS COUNTY TRAIL
CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the creation of the Trail Construction Grant Program (hereinafter “Program”) to provide funding to any of its 39 municipalities for recreational trail construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Program is funded through the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and requires a 20% match from applicants through a financial contribution or in-kind services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and governing body of Wharton Borough do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and governing body of Wharton Borough authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant. The Borough of Wharton is in support of applying to the Morris County Park Commission Trail Grant Program to expand the trails on Irondale Mountain requiring the 20% cash match of \$32,951.90 to be paid by Wharton Borough with a total project cost of \$164,759.50. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton are stating their willingness to permanently preserve this land known as Block 1503 Lot 1 and Block 1604 Lot 1 as public parkland via deed restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton acknowledge the grant program will operate on a reimbursement basis only and agree to provide full advance funding to complete the proposed project.

Adopted: August 17, 2020

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**