

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 8570

DATE 7-7-16

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT AS A SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY RIVER TOWN

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport has responsibilities for planning and implementing projects that promote and develop safe and walkable communities, bike trails, community parks, river access points, recreation facilities, conservation of open space, protection of water resources, historic preservation, and the creation of sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport recognizes the Susquehanna River as one of our region's greatest assets to attract growing businesses and improve the quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport supports underlying principles of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's River Town Revitalization Program, including:

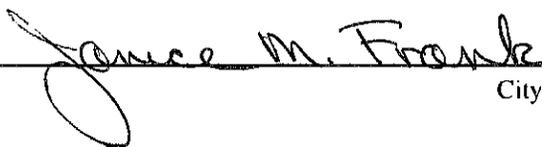
- Respecting and working with the nature of the Susquehanna River
- Connecting with the River (physically, visually and spiritually)
- Involving people with the River and with their River Town
- Supporting sustainable economic development of their River Town; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport supports the larger goals of the Susquehanna Greenway River Town Revitalization Program, including:

- Connecting people to nature, the river, community open spaces, and the downtown by making the community more pedestrian, bike and boat friendly.
- Promoting civic pride by providing stewardship opportunities.
- Improving community life by making sustainable decisions.
- Telling Williamsport's story in a way that stirs imaginations.
- Meeting the needs of visitors in Williamsport so they feel welcome and choose to return.
- Engage with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership for support of these efforts.

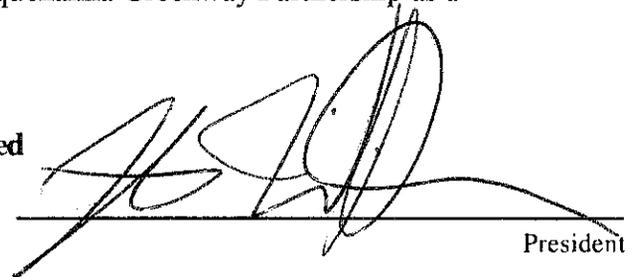
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Williamsport:

1. Desires formal designation by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership as a Susquehanna Greenway River Town.



City Clerk

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President

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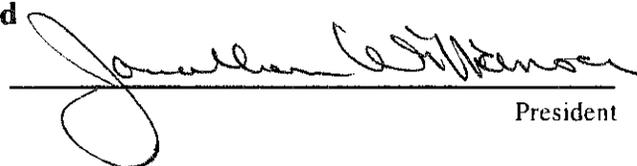
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2. Seeks to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and enhance connections to the Susquehanna River.
3. Agrees to create or assign a "River Town Revitalization Team" comprised of community residents and municipal officials to work with SGP on green infrastructure and community revitalization projects.
4. Supports local and regional efforts to protect and improve the water quality of the Susquehanna River, including that planning documents and governing ordinances contain provisions for sustainable land use and the protection of the River and its riparian areas.
5. Agrees to collaborate with our River Town neighbors to promote and market the Susquehanna Greenway as an important recreational, natural and cultural resource.
6. Agrees to cooperate with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership on the placement and maintenance of the Susquehanna Greenway River Town signs.
7. Will work with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership to help build and promote the Susquehanna Greenway.

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