



RESOLUTION 2025-08

Design and construction of trails and park amenities of 19.43 +/- acres of farmland for the purposes of converting into a new city park and trail system on South Rehoboth Boulevard in Milford, Delaware.

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1974, Milford Parks and Recreation has set out to promote community recreation with an emphasis on Parks and Trails throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milford recently purchased 19.43 +/- acres of farmland, known as Sussex County Tax Parcel No. 3-30-11.00-039.00, to develop into a dedicated public park and greenway trail system; and

WHEREAS, funding through the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, pursuant to 30 Del. C. § 5423, Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program or ORPT Program, for municipal outdoor recreation and conservation investments, assisted in the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the property has been identified in the City of Milford Strategic plan as providing additional recreational opportunities for the citizens of Milford, with the intent of creating a continuous multi-modal bike/pedestrian pathway, featuring playing fields, sports courts, picnic pavilion, playgrounds, public restroom, and other open space; and

WHEREAS, this involves a multi phased project over several years which has the blessing of the City of Milford's Mayor, Council, and taxpayers of Milford; and

WHEREAS, the project is identified in the adopted Capital Improvement Plan with funding prioritized; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been executed with a design professional and the scope of work well defined; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the City's Finance Director and City Manager, City Council hereby agrees to contribute matching funds of \$125,000 from a combination of the City's General Fund Reserves and eligible Community Redevelopment/Reinvestment Funds (CRRF) and Community Transportation Funds (CTF); and

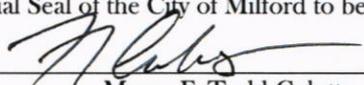
WHEREAS, the City Council designates the City Manager, or his/her designee, to manage the project and to comply with ORPT requirements for reporting and reimbursement purposes; and

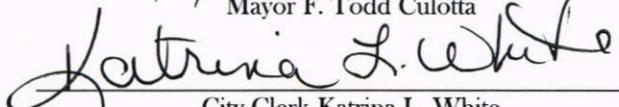
WHEREAS, the City agrees that lands purchases, developed, and designed with the ORPT Program assistance shall remain in public outdoor recreation or conservation uses in perpetuity and shall not be converted to other uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Milford City Council, by majority vote, authorize the ORPT Grant Funding of the above awarded grant (ORPT 24-479) and commit to the management and completion of the project in a professional and competent manner, and to provide sufficient funds, including a minimum of \$125,000 in matching funds, to assure effective operation and long term maintenance of the land and its improvements, and that the City of Milford shall abide by all requirements of the ORPT Grant Program for reimbursements and stewardship responsibilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Milford to be affixed this 9th day of June 2025.

Attest:


Mayor F. Todd Culotta


City Clerk Katrina L. White