

**Resolution Authorizing Submission of
a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application for the Borough Park
and Arboretum Trail Phase II to the Morris County Open Space, Recreation,
Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund**

WHEREAS, the County, created the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”), in accordance with P.L. 1997, c24 (N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq.), and any subsequent amendments thereto; and,

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the voting electorate of Morris County approved the ballot question to permit trail construction as an allowable use under the Trust Fund, and on April 27, 2016, the County, adopted the Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as the “Program”; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide funding for the rehabilitation and expansion of existing as well as the construction of new motorized, non-motorized, or diversified recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received a 2024 design grant from the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, for \$28,000 to complete Phase I of The Borough Park and Arboretum Trail Project and the design has been approved by the Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed total project for Phase II Construction of the Borough Park and Arboretum Trail project is \$343,818 of which \$340,318 is eligible for the Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires a 20% match of \$68,063.60 and/or inkind; and

WHEREAS, \$3,500 of the project cost is ineligible for grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mendham wishes to apply for and obtain a Morris County Trail Construction Grant in the amount of \$272,254.40 for the Borough Park and Arboretum Trail Construction Project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a 2026 Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application on behalf of the Borough of Mendham; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match of 68,063.60 and/or in-kind contributions and \$3,500.00 ineligible project cost for this grant in the total amount of \$71,563.60; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the Grant Agreement, the Borough Council authorizes the Mayor, to execute such agreement on behalf of the Borough of Mendham and that this signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.