

Honey Brook Township, Chester County, PA

RESOLUTION 2016 - 19

PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTINA WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP PILOT
COLLABORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Honey Brook, Chester County, Pennsylvania lies within the West Branch Brandywine Creek watershed and within the Christina Basin, and discharges stormwater to streams or tributaries therein that have been designated as “non-attaining” of their water quality standards (“impaired”) in the Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (2014), pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, some portions of which have a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established for sediments and/or nutrients; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Honey Brook is required under the Clean Water Act and Pennsylvania NPDES municipal separate stormsewer system (MS4) regulations to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) by September 2017 plans to improve water quality of these “impaired” streams and to achieve specific stormwater pollutant load reduction goals established by PADEP and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and, thereafter, to implement those plans until the stream water quality is fully restored to the state standards; and

WHEREAS, other adjacent municipalities also discharge stormwater to these “impaired” streams and are under the same regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Honey Brook has been a participant years in the Christina Basin TMDL Implementation Partnership (CTIP), and wishes to continue its participation in this partnership, which is now the Christina Watersheds Partnership, to continue working with 32 other municipalities within the Christina Watersheds to exchange information, collaborate and coordinate on water quality improvements and related activities to address these regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, as the convener and lead coordinator of the Christina TMDL Implementation Partnership, now the Christina Watersheds Partnership, has received a two-year grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide the Township of Honey Brook specialized assistance from technical experts in planning, permitting, restoration and finance to: produce individual municipal MS4 permit application materials that include legally enforceable best management practice (BMP) implementation commitments across contiguous municipalities; demonstrate pollution reduction within each municipality over the permit term; and provide a strategy to work toward eliminating stream impairments within a 15-20 year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, the townships and boroughs in the Christina Watersheds recognize that working together to meet these regulatory requirements by developing watershed-level plans involving multiple Pennsylvania municipalities will, in principal, identify where collaboration among the municipalities could result in cost savings and better water quality outcomes, and result in more efficient and effective stormwater pollution reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, the other adjacent townships and boroughs in the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek watershed have also been invited and are considering participation in this pilot collaboration project;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Honey Brook that:

1. The Township of Honey Brook commits to participate in the Christina Watersheds Partnership Pilot Collaboration Program for the next two years.
2. The commitment to participate includes:
 - a. Involvement by municipal staff and engineer to work on a multi-municipal pilot area planning team, including monthly meetings, attendance at other project meetings, and related supportive work, as deemed appropriate by the municipality;
 - b. Sharing of non-proprietary, non-confidential data as deemed appropriate by the municipality; and
 - c. Financial support of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per year) to the Christina Watersheds Partnership, payable to the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance as the project manager.
3. As and when required by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, 53 P.S. Section 481, *et seq.*, as amended), the Township of Honey Brook will adopt an appropriate ordinance to authorize entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the furtherance of its participation in the Christina Watersheds Partnership Pilot Collaboration Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Honey Brook Township that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

In witness whereof, the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors has caused this Resolution to be passed this 14th day of September 2016.

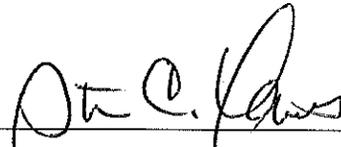
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HONEY BROOK
TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Attest: [Signature], Township Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Honey Brook Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which was fully adopted at a public meeting held pursuant to notice as required by law on the 14th day of September, 2016.



Secretary of Honey Brook Township

Dated: 9-14, 2016