

Resolution No. 2015-13

A Resolution to approve a 21st Century Project Matching Grant from The NCCD and a Coastal Management Matching Grant from the State of Delaware.

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle (the "City") was approached by Senator Nicole Poore and made aware that grant funds available to the City existed at the New Castle Conservation District ("NCCD") in the form of "21st Century Project Funds", and

WHEREAS, following discussions between Council President Ratchford and Kevin Donnelly from the NCCD, a letter was sent to Mr. Donnelly by the City Administrator requesting 21st Century Project funds to assist with development of drainage and pedestrian walkway improvements in the north section of Battery Park. This section includes most of the park amenities (e.g. playground, restrooms) and drains a watershed from W. 3rd Street to the outfall on the Delaware River, and

WHEREAS, the drainage aspect of the project includes a conditions assessment (field survey of storm drain system, visual inspection including video); preliminary analysis (review potential flows from contributing drainage areas and historic drainage problems; develop conditions summary of the storm drains); and schematic design for site storm drain, storm water management and grading improvements. In addition, the schematic design will also include preliminary designs for the proposed walkways and proposed park pedestrian improvements. Copies of the schematic and preliminary designs will be provided to NCCD for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, this grant is a 50/50 matching grant for total of \$40,000, of which the Trustees of the Common have agreed to match the needed \$20,000 for the project, and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and his staff will manage the proper execution of this project and payment and receipt of funds, on behalf of the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Council President Ratchford contacted the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and the Partnership for Delaware Estuary to explore options and the City agreed to apply for a Planning and Feasibility project grant on behalf of the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the grant is a matching grant of \$14,000, with a 50/50 match, of which the Trustees of the Common have agreed to match the necessary \$7,000 for this grant, and

WHEREAS, The end goal for this project is to install green technology solutions, along the New Castle Historic District's river front, that will increase the resiliency of the shoreline to storm surge destruction and sea level rise, while enhancing the ecological function of the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, The living shorelines component will encompass an area appropriately 300 feet in length adjacent to the Delaware Street Wharf. Green technology strategies

will be designed to replace the failing wooden bulkhead, to create a living shoreline in the area of the existing revetment, and strategies to encourage accretion of tidal marsh sediments, and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and his staff will manage the proper execution of this project and payment and receipt of funds, on behalf of the Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves Resolution No. 2015-13, a Resolution approving the City to manage the 21st Century Project Matching Grant from the NCCD and a Coastal Management Matching Grant from the State of Delaware, on behalf of the Trustees of the Common.

PASSED this 10th day of March, 2015.



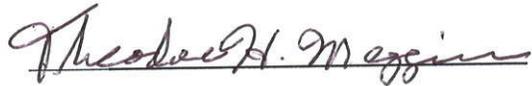
Linda Ratchford, City Council President



John W. Cochran, Councilperson



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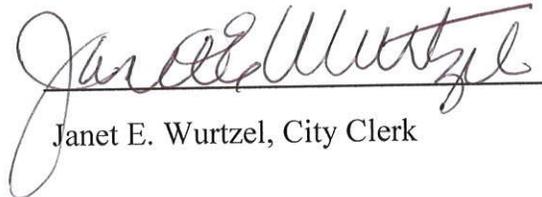


Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson



Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

Attest:



Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk