

**Resolution 2022-25**

**A Resolution to Apply For Participation in, and Grant Funding from, the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services to Study and Prepare Recommendations to Mitigate the Effects of Future Flooding in the City of New Castle.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the City Council passed Resolution 2022-04, A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Task Force of Citizens to Research Existing Information Concerning the Impact of Sea Level Rise on the City of New Castle, and to Prepare Remediation Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sea Level Rise Task Force has been researching possible funding for increased protection from flooding for New Castle; and

**WHEREAS**, their research has uncovered a possible source of funding for that engineering, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding does not require matching funds from the City but does require a request from City representatives to find out whether New Castle is eligible for this help; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the request for assistance for a potential PL-566 Watershed Project, the NRCS would complete (or contract out) a preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report to determine whether we are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, if it is determined that the City is eligible, NRCS would do the engineering required and the design of any flood mitigation project.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council recognizes the benefits of this grant opportunity and hereby directs the City Administrator to implement the process of applying for a grant from NRCS.

**PASSED** this 9th day of August, 2022.

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Michael M. Platt, City Council President

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Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

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Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

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Attest:

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Kathleen M. Walls, City Clerk