

## **Resolution 2025-43**

### **A Resolution to Authorize Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) Grant 2025 for the Delaware River Trail Design**

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, the City of New Castle was awarded a DelDOT Delaware Bike Council Bikeway Innovation grant and a Bike Delaware donation to conduct a feasibility study for the Delaware River Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle, has identified an opportunity to expand and enhance connectivity and alternative transportation throughout the city, specifically by pursuing an additional bike path along the beautiful and historic Delaware River, north of the historic area, connecting areas like the Twin Spans Business Park and the Charter School of New Castle into Bull Hill and the downtown area. This would allow those riding along the trail the ability to view the historical Buttonwood Mansion and would promote exercise and exploration of the area. The addition of the trail would also help to remedy traffic and pollution concerns.

**WHEREAS**, the feasibility study is being finalized by Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson engineering and the City would like to pursue an additional grant to design this trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been invited to apply for the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) grant after completing the pre-application in the spring of 2025 and will apply for a grant in the amount of \$342,982.00 by September 15, 2025 to partially fund the next phase of this project and design the trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator is seeking additional grant funding to serve as a match to this grant; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City Council hereby approves the application for the ORPT grant as described above and authorizes the City Administrator the authority to complete the application process.
2. The City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager for purposes of the ORPT grant and application.

**PASSED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

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Suzanne Souder, City Council President

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Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

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Courtaney Taylor, City Clerk