

Resolution R-2013- 48

This RESOLUTION of the Luzerne County Council acknowledges and supports the application of the Lackawanna Valley Conservancy, Inc. (LVC) to the Commonwealth Finance Authority for an Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program Grant.

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA) and the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) working in collaboration with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) have completed a Lower Lackawanna River Watershed Restoration Assessment Plan (LLR-WRAP) and;

WHEREAS, the LLR-WRAP recommends the development and operation of a mine drainage treatment plant to treat abandoned mine drainage that is polluting the Lower Lackawanna River and the Susquehanna River and has been called the largest, most visible point source of water pollution in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and;

WHEREAS, certain grant monies are available to the Conservancy from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment under PA Act 13 of 2012 the applications for which require resolutions of support from local governments and;

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna Valley Conservancy, Inc. (LVC) the non-profit land conservation affiliate of the LRCA intends to apply for these Commonwealth funds in collaboration with the afore listed agencies, for the purpose of acquiring lands appropriate for the construction and operation of a mine water treatment plant in the Borough of Duryea, County of Luzerne and further for the conduct of engineering and design studies to advance the specifications of such a plant in preparation of subsequent applications of Commonwealth and federal funding and;

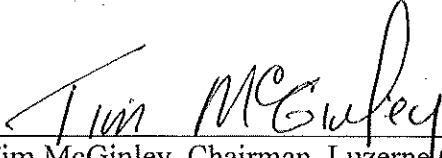
WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed plant is intended to clean up the mine drainage pollution that has long plagued this area of Luzerne County and further to engender improvements to the local infrastructure and serve to provide economic and employment opportunities to benefit the wider Wyoming Lackawanna Valley region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Luzerne County Council supports the Application of the Lackawanna Valley Conservancy, Inc. for an Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the acquisition of land in Duryea, PA and for the development of feasibility and management studies, plans, designs and specifications for an Abandoned Mine Drainage treatment plant to mitigate water pollution from the Old Forge and Duryea abandoned mine drainage outfalls along the adjacent Lackawanna River.

2. The Chairman of Council is authorized to sign and the Clerk of Council authorized to attest that this is a true resolution of Council.

Date: July 9, 2013

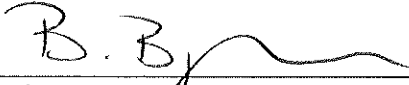


Tim McGinley, Chairman, Luzerne County Council

I, _Brittany Burgess, the below signed Clerk to Luzerne County Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Luzerne County Council at a regular meeting of the Council held on July 9, 2013, and said resolution has been recorded in the minutes of the Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of Luzerne County this
11th day of July, 2013

Seal



Brittany Burgess
Clerk of Council