

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL TO RATIFY  
THE TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO RIVER TRAIL COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN ESTABLISHING THE OHIO RIVER  
TRAIL COUNCIL TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE OHIO RIVER TRAIL,  
PURSUANT TO THE ATTACHED OHIO RIVER TRAIL COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL  
AND EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT.**

Hereafter the participating governments are collectively referred to as the "Partnership" or sometimes individually as "Participant".

WHEREAS, the Partnership, desires to improve and maintain said real property of the Ohio River Trail for the purpose of providing recreational trails for biking, hiking, equestrian and other non-motorized activities; and

WHEREAS, said real property will consist of recreational trails throughout the geographic boundaries of the Participants which at the date of this agreement has yet to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, it is believed by the Participants that the citizens within their respective political boundaries will be benefited by the Ohio River Trail jointly maintained by them, which program shall comply with all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to arrange for proper operation and maintenance of the Ohio River Trail, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Agreement is to provide a framework and a mechanism to adequately maintain the trail within the political boundaries of the Participants through joint efforts rather than by separate efforts of each Participant; and

WHEREAS, to prevent duplication of effort and to maximize cost effectiveness, the Participants mutually desire to mobilize community resources to effectively and economically maintain the Ohio River Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Participants intend to foster partnerships with other public and private organizations to collaborate with the Partnership for the good of all of the communities participating and enable other municipalities to become members of the partnership in the future, and

WHEREAS, all municipalities are legally authorized to enter into such an agreement for the joint administration of recreational facilities including trails for their respective citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING HELD THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY August, 2013

Attest:

  
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Andy Brunette, Township Manager

Hopewell Township  
Board of Commissioners

By:   
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Norm Kraus, Jr., President