

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP  
CENTRE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION R-21-26**

**Resolution Supporting the Spring Creek Watershed Commission  
Phase II Report and a Phase III Effort to Pursue Development of a One Water Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Spring Creek Watershed Commission is interested in promoting a long-range vision for the Spring Creek Watershed that represents a consensus of thoughts and ideals that are commonly shared and to establish a leadership role within the watershed to advance and coordinate projects and programs that are consistent with that long-range vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission is an integrative and collaborative system of water resources in an environmentally, economically, and socially beneficial manner; and

**WHEREAS**, (insert Municipality name) recognizes that the Spring Creek Watershed is worthy of conservation and careful stewardship; and.

**WHEREAS**, watershed challenges encompass many different aspects from environmental, socio-economic, watershed scale, utility management, land use, political, population growth, and climate change factors and as such:

- the Phase II Report: Collaborative Framework for Developing a One Water Plan and Leadership reflects the core principles that the watershed communities' governments, residents, water utilities, businesses, and industry wish to maintain; and
- this Phase II Report emphasizes the critical need and multiple benefits of a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management (a "One Water Plan") that is driven by the participating local governments, along with state and federal agencies, water utilities, planning commissions, Penn State University, citizens, businesses and industry; and
- the goals of the proposed Phase III One Water Plan include 1) protecting, enhancing and sustaining a healthy and resilient cold-water stream ecosystem; 2) maintaining and improving water quality and quantity to sustainably meet the needs of the human community, now and in the future; and 3) integrating and coordinating management for sustainability, economic growth, recreation and quality of life; and.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Phase III One Water Plan is not an effort to change local governance but to coordinate management and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phase III One Water Plan development effort will set forth planning and implementation efforts that will recognize local commitment and contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, as with the Phase II Report and in order to produce science-based outcomes, the Commission will form a Phase III workgroup to establish measurable ecological parameters that will be used to track the health of the Spring Creek Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, endorsement of the Phase III One Water Plan development effort in no way obligates (insert Municipality name) to participate in or financially support any particular project or program undertaken as part of the One Water Plan development effort; and

**WHEREAS**, College Township may at any time choose to withdraw support of the One Water Plan process as College Township may deem to be in their best interest.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that College Township supports the Spring Creek Watershed Commission's Phase II Report Collaborative Framework for Developing a One Water Plan and Leadership; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that College Township supports the Spring Creek Watershed Commission proceeding with establishment of a Phase III work group with the goal of planning, developing, and creating a Spring Creek Watershed One Water Plan.

**DULY ADOPTED**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021, by the Council of the Township of College, Centre County.

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:**

**ATTEST:**

*L. Eric Bernier*

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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L. Eric Bernier, Chair

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Adam T. Brumbaugh, Secretary