

**TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2022-32
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KNOWLTON AS A LOWER DELAWARE WILD & SCENIC MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS, Knowlton Township is committed to protecting natural resources including the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, on November 1st, 2000, 67 miles of the Lower Delaware River along the border of eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey, received Federal Wild and Scenic Designation; and

WHEREAS, Knowlton Township's entire western boundary is the Lower Delaware National Wild and Scenic (LDWS) River, with tributaries that flow through the township which include the Stonybrook, the Paulinskill River, and Delawanna Creek; and

WHEREAS, the oversight of the Wild and Scenic sections of the Delaware River is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service, the Delaware River Greenway Partnership, and the Lower Delaware Management Council with a Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, benefits of designation include a probation on "large-scale projects requiring federal permits and funding" and may assist Knowlton Township with their concerns about the NJDOT's proposed rockwall on Route 80 along the river; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding is nonbinding and asks Knowlton Township to:

- 1) Cooperatively implementing the Lower Delaware River Management Plan, to conserve the special natural resources of the area and enhance the cultural, recreational, and economic opportunities of the watershed
- 2) Appoint one representative to participate on the Lower Delaware River Management Committee, (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).
- 3) May at their discretion contribute staff, in-kind, or financial assistance to the Committee
- 4) Take into consideration the objectives and recommendations of the Plan in land use or water use decision-making which could impact the health and conservation of the resources of the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries.
- 5) Work together through the Committee to address funding and regulatory issues related to implementation of the national wild and scenic river designation and the Plan.
- 6) Enforce all applicable land use, water use, or zoning regulations in such a manner to ensure that the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries are protected and that actions are consistent with the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Plan.
- 7) Work with the Committee as appropriate to identify and address issues related to the management of the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries as a national wild and scenic river, as detailed in the Plan.
- 8) Use land and waters under their jurisdiction within the Lower Delaware River in a manner consistent with the goals, objectives, and recommendations within the Plan.
- 9) Agree that the Management Committee can write letters of support and take other actions to help members receive grants for projects that will further the goals and objectives of the Plan.
- 10) The States and the Delaware River Basin Commission agree to carry out a water quality monitoring program to implement the water quality goal of the Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Knowlton Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the cooperative implementation of the Lower Delaware River Management Plan, and to protect and enhance the values that have caused the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries to be designated by the United States Congress as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

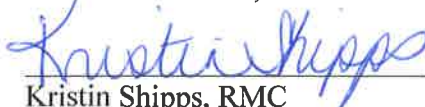
Date: March 14, 2022

Motion: Starrs

Second: Cuntala

All in Favor: Cuntala—aye, Mazza—aye, Shipps—aye, Van Horn—absent, Starrs—aye.

CERTIFICATION: It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, NJ at a Township Meeting held on March 14, 2022.


Kristin Shipps, RMC