

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CIRCUIT TRAILS,
A GROWING NETWORK OF MULTI-USE TRAILS
LOCATED IN THE NINE COUNTIES THAT
COMPRISE THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION REGION**

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails are a connected system of multi-purpose trails (largely off-road) located in the nine (9) counties that comprise the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) region, including Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties; and

WHEREAS, the building of the Circuit Trails is considered to be one of the largest metropolitan-wide, multi-use trail building efforts in the country and very significant regional accomplishment; and,

WHEREAS, the DVRPC set a long term regional goal in the Connections 2040 Plan to complete the Circuit Trails by 2040, and to meet this goal, 180 new miles of Circuit trails need to be completed by 2025 to reach 500 miles (2/3's complete); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails provide equitable transportation options for all users and will connect communities to places of work, places to shop, places to worship, places to play, places of historic significance, and places to teach our children; and;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails Coalition, DVRPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies have committed to complete non-motorized options for transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails will provide safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage bicyclists, walkers, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users of all ages to be more active and spend time outdoors, thereby improving their fitness and health; and

WHEREAS, when communities in other areas of the United States and abroad provide for non-motorized transportation options they thrive as places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails, by offering both residents and tourists access to natural, cultural and historical sites, will bring health and economic benefits to counties, municipalities and businesses in the region such as revenues to local economies, healthcare savings, enhanced real estate values, and increased activity; and

WHEREAS, 5.7 million people reside in Greater Philadelphia and 85 percent of those surveyed support building more trails in their counties. Furthermore, 70 percent favor spending \$2 per person in public dollars annually to pay for new connected trails.

WHEREAS, East Coventry Township is one of 351 municipalities in the DVRPC region that is part of the Circuit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township, hereby endorses the concept of the nine-county region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit trails and the Circuit Trails passage through the East Coventry Township, and encourages our neighboring municipalities to do the same; and East Coventry Township supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Circuit Trails Coalition, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Montgomery County Commissioners.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2017.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
Chester County, Pennsylvania



Ray Kolb, Chairman

ATTEST:



Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager

I do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed Resolution with the original on file in my office, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township, a quorum being present, on November 13th, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of East Coventry Township on this date November 13th, 2017.