

DATE ADOPTED:
RESOLUTION NO.: 2020-

CREATION OF A STANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY, COUNTY OF BUTLER,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AN
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC) FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH
REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognize the importance of a healthy and sustainable environment for the enjoyment of the citizens of the Township, while balancing citizens' private property rights and the use and enjoyment of their property; and,

WHEREAS, while there generally exists a natural tension between the economic growth and environmental objectives of communities experiencing growth, the Board of Supervisors is committed to creating a community with a healthy balance between economic growth and the preservation of natural resources, open space and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have adopted the "Cranberry Plan" that calls for the preservation and protection of open space, natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas including but not limited to floodplains, wetlands and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, Cranberry Township has continued to develop comprehensive strategies and programs to protect and preserve the environment including, solid waste reduction and recycling programs, water and energy conservation programs, alternative transportation programs, and natural resources and open space protection programs; and,

WHEREAS, Cranberry Township's sustainability efforts have been designated a "Certified Platinum Sustainable Community" by the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh, one of only seven communities to have achieved this level certification in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Township land use regulations have already preserved over 2,700 acres (4.2 square miles) of open space, 18% of the Township's total land area, with the goal of preserving 37% of the overall Township land area in open space or over 5,300 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has taken a proactive role in fulfilling its' responsibility as a MS4

municipality that includes the stabilization of 6,000 feet of stream bank by 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of a continuous enhancement process of the Township's environmental programs;

WHEREAS, in response to citizen request, the Board of Supervisors created an Ad Hoc Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) via Resolution No. 2019-30 to research and develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Environmental Advisory Committee successfully completed its work and presented its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors which are attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation to the Ad Hoc EAC for their passionate work in developing those recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors full heartedly supports the core recommendation of the Ad-Hoc EAC to create a permanent, standing Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHES AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC) AS A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO FUNCTION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS:

1. The EAC shall consist initially of no more than eleven (11) members, with membership being offered to the current members of the Ad Hoc EAC. The terms of membership on the EAC shall be three years, except during the initial implementation of the EAC. During the first organization meeting of the EAC, members of the Ad Hoc Committee desiring to remain on the EAC to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall "draw from a hat" either a one, two or three year term, evenly divided as possible between the members. The one-year term shall expire on December 31, 2021, two-year term December 31, 2022 and the three year term December 31, 2023. Following the resignations of those Ad Hoc EAC members moving to the EAC, all future appointments shall be by the Board of Supervisors.
2. Members shall be residents or owners/representatives of businesses in the Township.
3. The EAC shall serve in an advisory role to the Board of Supervisors.
4. The Township Manager shall provide for staff leadership and administrative assistance in support of the Environmental Advisory Committee activities pursuant to this Resolution.

5. The EAC shall meet at least quarterly and as a standing committee of the Township said meetings shall be advertised to the public and each meeting shall provide for public comment and follow all State and Local requirements for public meetings.
6. As the Board of Supervisors has accepted the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc EAC, and accordingly, the EAC is asked to continue their work on the recommendations as stated on Attachment A.
7. Additional work of the EAC shall be consistent with the environmental, natural resource and open space recommendations of the Cranberry Plan including the Future Land Use plan and Preferred Growth Scenario and shall collaborate with Township staff and other Standing Committees to advance the Township's environmental programs.
8. The EAC shall undertake their work in a manner that professionally advances the work of the Township in environmental matters that is within the legal ability of the Township to perform, in addition shall consistently act in a collaborative manner with other Standing Committees of the Township and Township Staff, along with the understanding of the statutory authority of the Planning Advisory Committee, the Board of Supervisors and any other Standing Committee of the Township.
9. The EAC shall submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.
10. The Board of Supervisors may periodically ask the EAC to undertake a project or to research an issue that is of importance to the Township, in addition by working with their Staff Liaison undertake additional tasks
11. The EAC may elect a Chair and vice-Chair on a annual basis to assist in the management of the EAC's meetings.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY

Jerry A. Andree

Township Manager/Secretary

Richard M. Hadley, Chairman

Board of Supervisors

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