

## **RESOLUTION No. 2021-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE REPORT ON THE LOWER CONNOQUESSING WATERSHED PREPARED BY HRG ENGINEERS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PARTICIPAING MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY OF BUTLER.**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2019 County Officials called a meeting concerning the extraordinary flooding events that have occurred within the Connoquenessing Watershed in recent history, with over fifteen municipalities being represented; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of that meeting, ten municipalities in the southwest corner of the County accepted that call to action and decided it was to their mutual interests to continue the conversation with other municipalities to enhance stormwater management activities both on a municipal and regional levels; and,

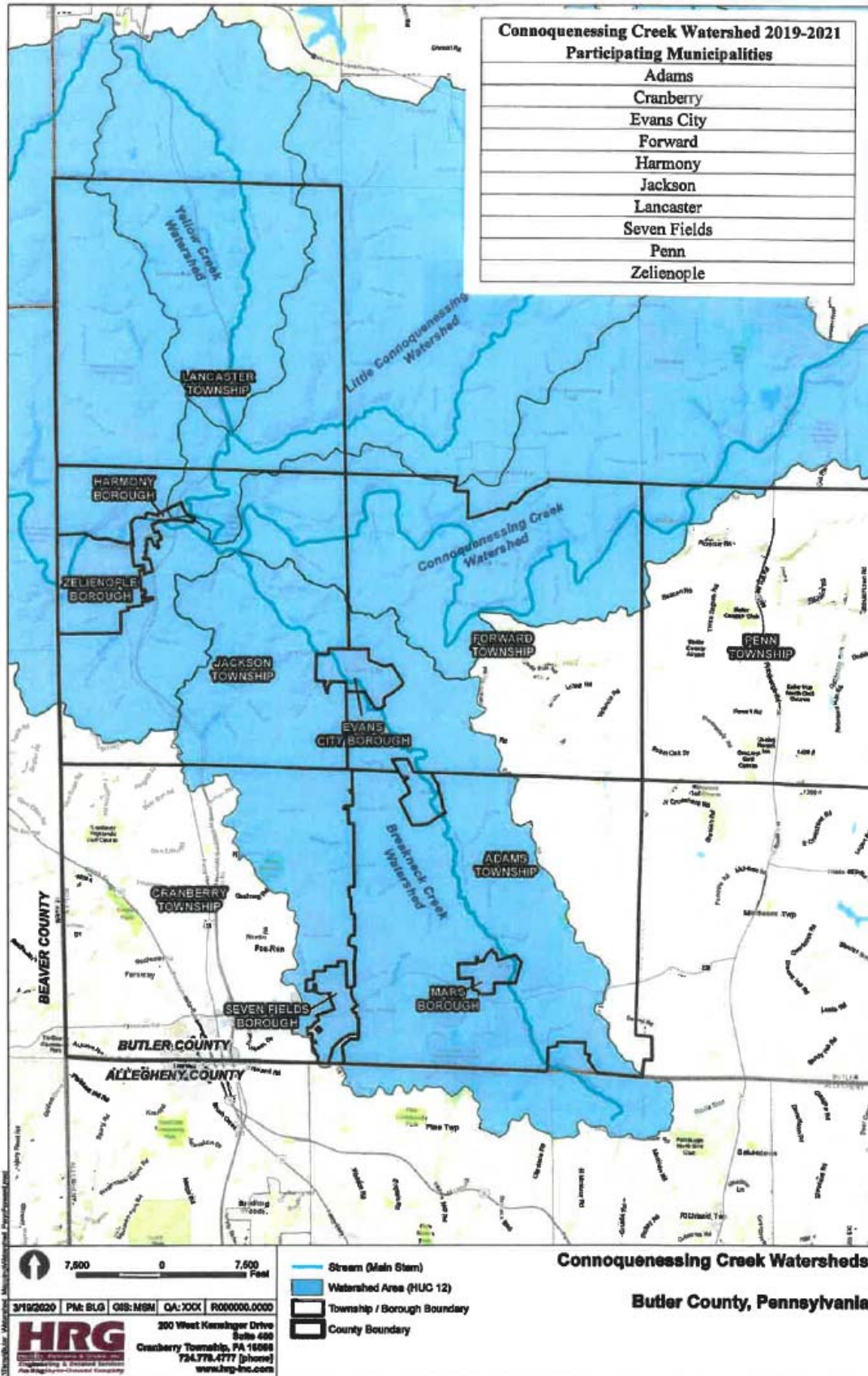
WHEREAS, each of those municipalities governing bodies adopted a Resolution officially committing to this regional initiative in collaboration with Butler County; and,

WHEREAS, this group representing ten municipalities, those being the Boroughs of Zelienople, Harmony, Evans City and Seven Fields and the Townships of Jackson, Lancaster, Adams, Penn, Forward and Cranberry, has met both in person and through virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic to advance this initiative; and,

WHEREAS, PA Act 167 of 1978, established that the responsibility of managing stormwater resides with the local municipalities and that each of the municipality's stormwater ordinances shall be consistent with the County's adopted Act 167 Plan; and,

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort over the past 15 months has resulted in a draft report that will be submitted to the Butler County Commissioners in February 2021 for consideration of adoption; and,

WHEREAS, this draft report is the result of extensive input by each of the partner municipalities, as shown in the following Connoquenessing Creek Watersheds Map; and,



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors/Borough Council hereby states the following:

1. Has been provided the opportunity to have meaningful participation and input into this draft Report on the critical issue of stormwater management which has a significant impact upon our municipality.
2. Supports the recommendation to update the Release Rates in our stormwater management ordinance.
3. Request that the County Commissioner adopt this draft Report and begin the process to update the County's Act 167 Plan to incorporate the new Release Rates. The updated County Plan will then enable each municipality in this Study area to update their respective Release Rate.
4. The work of the ten municipalities that accepted the call by the County Commissioners to collaborate on stormwater management has demonstrated the value of that effort. Accordingly, we request that the County continues its efforts to encourage additional collaboration in the area of stormwater management. This includes assigning responsibility for this continued collaboration to the appropriate County official.
5. It is the desire of each municipality in this Study area to continue to meet to help advance the recommendations within the Report, including advancing the identified stormwater management projects that have the greatest regional impact and jointly advancing potential funding opportunities to complete those projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors/Borough Council expresses its appreciation for the support provided by the County Commissioners in advancing a regional approach to stormwater management;

RESOLVED, and APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors/Borough Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

---

Richard M. Hadley  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Cranberry Township

---

Daniel D. Santoro  
Township Secretary