

## RESOLUTION 2012-01

### TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH

#### RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ASSAWOMAN CANAL PATH

**WHEREAS.** the Town of wishes to improve the quality of life for its citizens by encouraging its citizens to walk, bike, jog and exercise and enjoy the natural beauty and the historical legacy in the area; and

**WHEREAS.** the Town of Bethany Beach has been working with the Assawoman Canal Trail Team, composed of the Towns of Bethany Beach, Ocean View, and South Bethany and the communities of Bahamas Beach Cottages, Sea Colony, Salt Pond, Waterside, and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to develop a trail system within the state-owned property along both sides of the Assawoman Canal; and

**WHEREAS.** the Town of Bethany Beach envisions the Assawoman Canal Trail as another recreational amenity for its citizens and visitors that compliments and enhances the town and other existing state and local parks; and

**WHEREAS.** the Town of Bethany Beach welcomes opportunities for its citizens to be able to safely access destinations in the area by walking or biking along the Assawoman Canal rather than by car;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN.** that the Town of Bethany Beach requests that the State of Delaware consider the proposed Assawoman Canal Trail to be included in any future funding for the development of bicycle and pedestrian pathway projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN.** that the Town of Bethany Beach, with coordination and guidance from the Division of Parks and Recreation, agrees to:

- collaborate with the Trail Team partners in designing and developing the Trail.
- ~~participate in the regular upkeep/maintenance of the trail and trail corridor adjacent to Town.~~
- encourage voluntary citizen engagement in ~~trail activities and programs~~

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH ON THE 20th DAY OF January 2012.**

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Tony McClenny, Mayor

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Jerry Dorfman, Secretary/Treasurer