

**Resolution Supporting the Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Phase II Report and a Phase III Effort to Pursue Development of a One Water Plan**

WHEREAS, the Spring Creek Watershed Commission is interested in promoting a long-range vision for the Spring Creek Watershed that represents a consensus of thoughts and ideals that are commonly shared and to establish a leadership role within the watershed to advance and coordinate projects and programs that are consistent with that long-range vision; and

WHEREAS, the vision for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission is an integrative and collaborative system of water resources in an environmentally, economically, and socially beneficial manner; and

WHEREAS, (insert Municipality name) recognizes that the Spring Creek Watershed is worthy of conservation and careful stewardship; and.

WHEREAS, watershed challenges encompass many different aspects from environmental, socio-economic, watershed scale, utility management, land use, political, population growth, and climate change factors and as such:

- the Phase II Report: Collaborative Framework for Developing a One Water Plan and Leadership reflects the core principles that the watershed communities' governments, residents, water utilities, businesses, and industry wish to maintain; and
- this Phase II Report emphasizes the critical need and multiple benefits of a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management (a "One Water Plan") that is driven by the participating local governments, along with state and federal agencies, water utilities, planning commissions, Penn State University, citizens, businesses and industry; and
- the goals of the proposed Phase III One Water Plan include 1) protecting, enhancing and sustaining a healthy and resilient cold-water stream ecosystem; 2) maintaining and improving water quality and quantity to sustainably meet the needs of the human community, now and in the future; and 3) integrating and coordinating management for sustainability, economic growth, recreation and quality of life; and.

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase III One Water Plan is not an effort to change local governance but to coordinate management and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Phase III One Water Plan development effort will set forth planning and implementation efforts that will recognize local commitment and contribution; and

WHEREAS, as with the Phase II Report and in order to produce science-based outcomes, the Commission will form a Phase III workgroup to establish measurable ecological parameters that will be used to track the health of the Spring Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, endorsement of the Phase III One Water Plan development effort in no way obligates (insert Municipality name) to participate in or financially support any particular project or program undertaken as part of the One Water Plan development effort; and

WHEREAS, (insert Municipality name) may at any time choose to withdraw support of the One Water Plan process as (insert Municipality name) may deem to be in their best interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that (insert Municipality name) supports the Spring Creek Watershed Commission's Phase II Report Collaborative Framework for Developing a One Water Plan and Leadership; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that (insert Municipality name) supports the Spring Creek Watershed Commission proceeding with establishment of a Phase III work group with the goal of planning, developing, and creating a Spring Creek Watershed One Water Plan.

Signed:

Date:

Title: