

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-17**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENDORSING THE COMPLETION OF 180 MILES OF CIRCUIT TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION BY 2025 IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE 500 MILES OF COMPLETED CIRCUIT TRAILS; SUPPORTING EXISTING TRAILS ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF CURCUIT TRAILS TO BE DESIGNATED AS PART OF “THE CIRCUIT”; AND INSTALLING SIGNAGE IN COORDINATION WITH THIS EFFORT**

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**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 Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, Inc., the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies have committed to support and endorse non-motorized options for transportation and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Circuit Trails will provide safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage be 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**, 5.4 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**, Cheltenham Township is one of 385 municipalities in the DVRPC region that is part of the Circuit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 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 Cheltenham Township, and encourages our neighboring communities to do the same; supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit Trails being designated as a “Circuit” Trail; and that Circuit guidance signage be installed with the coordination with this effort.

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

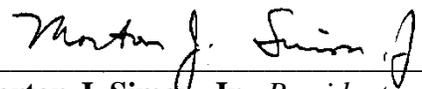
**RESOLVED** and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of **July, A.D., 2017**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its public meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19095, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred eighteenth.

**ATTEST:**



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**Bryan T. Havir**  
*Township Manager and Secretary*

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
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**Morton J. Simon, Jr., President**