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Subject:

Hellam Twp Letter of Support request - Graham property

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Hello Corinna,

My name is Anne Harnish and I work for the Lancaster Conservancy.

It's DCNR grant season again, and we would be thankful if the Hellam Township Board of Supervisors would provide a letter of support for our DCNR grant application for our Graham Nature Preserve acquisition project in Hellam Township/Hallam Borough. If you're amenable, I've attached a draft template for the letter of support to this email, which you can feel free to use, edit, or revise as you see fit.

We are hoping to receive all letters of support by March 7, ahead of the 4/1 grant deadline. Please let me that you received this email and if you have any questions.

Thanks! Anne



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February 14, 2025

Anne Harnish Land Protection Manager Lancaster Conservancy 117 South West End Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603

Re: DCNR Grant Application for the Acquisition of Graham Nature Preserve and Eagle View Preserve

Dear Ms. Harnish,

The Hellam Township Board of Supervisors continues to support the Lancaster Conservancy's work to preserve natural lands for public recreation and habitat. We understand that the Conservancy will be submitting a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for funding to assist in the acquisition of two properties. One is a match property, the Graham Nature Preserve, a 56-acre property in Hellam Township and Hallam Borough. The other is the Eagle View Nature Preserve in Chanceford Township, located within the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Landscape.

The Graham Preserve landscape includes floodplain forest, meadow, a section of Kreutz Creek, and agricultural land, as well as several historic homestead structures that tell the intertwined story of human and natural histories. In addition to serving as a future public nature preserve readily accessible to the residents of Hallam Borough and Hellam Township, the Graham Nature Preserve will serve as the Conservancy's engagement and education center in York County. Permanently preserving this important natural, cultural and historical property will protect critical habitat, buffer its waterways and provide hiking and recreation opportunities for our community. Permanently conserving this forested property will expand the protection of critical habitat and woodlands in the township.

The Graham Preserve project's delivery on education, habitat conservation and local recreational enhancement gives us confidence that this project is in alignment with Hellam Township's goals to enhance and protect the township's natural lands and forests, providing land for recreation, and protecting our waterways.

On behalf of Hellam Township we would like to demonstrate our formal support towards this new Graham Preserve acquisition project, created and carried forward by the Conservancy.

Sincerely,

Potential Acquisition: Graham Property



PROPERTY DETAILS

Approximate Total Acreage: 56 acres

Township: Hellam

Borough: Hallam

Address: 440 Hillview Rd, Hallam, PA 17406



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County: York

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