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April 20, 2023

Jake Reilly
Director, Chesapeake Bay Programs
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1133 15th Street, NW, Suite 10000
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Hellam Hills Nature Preserve Public & Universal Access Plan, ID 80209

Dear Mr. Reilly,

On behalf of Hellam Township Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the Lancaster Conservancy's grant application to the NFWF Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund WILD program for the development of public and universal access including trails and parking areas at Hellam Hills Nature Preserve in York County, PA. With this funding, the Conservancy could continue the planning necessary to implement the directives of the 2022 Hellam Hills Conservation Area Master Plan.

Hellam Township participated in the Hellam Hills Conservation Area Master Plan by serving on the Steering Committee and key person interviews. The development of trails and access infrastructure at Hellam Hills Nature Preserve would help provide additional trails and passive recreation access for York County citizens to enjoy.

Hellam Township strongly supports the Lancaster Conservancy's application and urges your approval of this grant. This design and engineering project would be the first step in providing access to 800 acres of natural land in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed for passive recreation in nature. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (717) 434-1303 or via email at cmann@hellamtownship.com.

Sincerely,

Corina L. Mann
Hellam Township Manager