
June 8, 2018

Hon. Daryl D. Metcalfe, Chair
State Government Committee
144 Main Capitol Building
PO Box 202012
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2012

Hon. Matthew D. Bradford, Democratic Chair
State Government Committee
325 Main Capitol Building
PO Box 202070
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RE: DCED-GTRP Grant Application for Fort Washington Cross County Trail & Road
Diet – Mid Section

Dear Chairman Metcalfe, Democratic Chair Bradford and Committee Members,

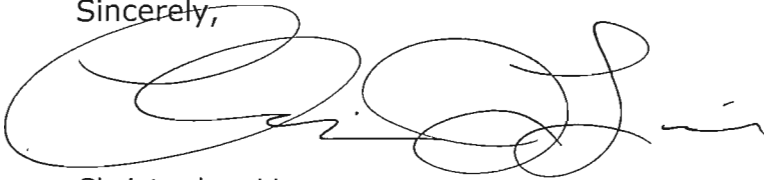
I am writing as the Manager of the Office of Environmental Planning at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). DVRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Philadelphia Region which includes Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties in southeastern Pennsylvania.

One of the over-arching goals of our long-range plan, Connections 2045, is to insure clean surface waters to provide healthy, reliable and affordable drinking water supplies, maintain the region's ecological health, and support robust economic activity. The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) leads the way in achieving these objectives by establishing a unified vision for the comprehensive management of water resources across the entire Delaware River Basin.

DRBC balances multiple interests to manage the quantity and quality of the basin's waters for sustainable use; reduce flood losses; improve recreational activities; and protect, conserve and restore aquatic ecosystems. They lead these efforts by successfully strengthening and maintaining partnerships among all levels of government, the private sector, and individuals. Their leadership, coordination and technical capacity have been indispensable in managing water resources to maximize the health and economic vitality of the Greater Philadelphia Region.

For these reasons, I would like to lend my voice in support of the Delaware River Basin Commission, and urge the State Government Committee, and all of our Pennsylvania Legislators, to continue your full financial and legislative support for this essential and important agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Linn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher Linn
Manager, Office of Environmental Planning

cc: Steve Tambini, DRBC
Barry Seymour, DVRPC
Patty Elkis, DVRPC