

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-91

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HENRY HUDSON TRAIL EXPANSION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit (“NJT”) is partnering with the Monmouth County Park System to expand the southern portion of the Henry Hudson Trail (“HHT”) to improve access to the Aberdeen-Matawan Train Station; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Park System is in agreement with NJT to initiate design of a trail expansion; and

WHEREAS, critical connections for continuity of the south portion of HHT will be addressed including the Matawan Lake Bridge and unused portions of the former rail right-of-way as well as considering the addition of Trail amenities such as motion detected solar lights, painted pavement, trail blazing improvements, bike storage and bike share, as these features could transform the HHT into a major transit, tourist and recreation node, attracting a wide range of users and supporting local economic development; and

WHEREAS, the completed Project will require an agreement between Monmouth County, the Township of Aberdeen, the Borough of Matawan and NJT for the management and maintenance of the proposed trail extension, with jurisdictional responsibilities to be determined at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that it hereby supports the extension of the Monmouth County Park System Henry Hudson Trail which includes a direct off-road connection to the Aberdeen-Matawan train station, and the potential to include “transit way” amenities to better connect bicyclists and pedestrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Administrator and the County Counsel, and the Borough of Matawan.