County of Lehigh

Pennsylvania Board of Commissioners

Resolution

2015 - No. 53

ENDORSING THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND ITS STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, while Pennsylvanians recognize that growth and development is inevitable, they also understand that such growth does not necessitate the destruction of the natural and physical assets that define the character of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, 2012-2017: "Building Better Communities: The Preservation of Place in Pennsylvania" provides an overview of current resources and preservation efforts with an eye toward underscoring the significant role history plays in forming the character of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lehigh has a long-standing reputation for honoring the legacy of its founding families and of preserving open space, of supporting an unequaled park system and of understanding the value of historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan seeks to increase local preservation planning; expand and strengthen state and federal partnerships; bolster the efforts of preservation advocates; identify and recruit new audiences, and administer an effective statewide historic preservation program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses

THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND ITS STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Urges other communities of the Commonwealth to embrace this opportunity to respect their history and protect those assets that make Pennsylvania a desirable place to live and to work.

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