

BOROUGH OF BATH
Northampton County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-015
(Duly Adopted September 3, 2013)

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE
PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN 2012-2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bath, as a Certified Local Government (CLG) understands that the irreplaceable historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural heritage of this Commonwealth should be preserved and protected for the benefit of all the people, including future generations, and;

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires local governments to identify a plan for historic preservation and the adoption of relevant goals of the Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan is a step in fulfilling that requirement;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bath has expressed interest in the endorsement of Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will assist in the implementation at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Bath of Northampton County, Pennsylvania **ENDORSES** Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will take the following actions to implement relevant goals and objectives:

Local Action:

- A. Maintain a comprehensive historic resources inventory to help identify places of local significance that will also be shared with Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP).
- B. Identify ways that cultural and historic resources can (or do) contribute to local community character, quality of life, and economic growth potential.
- C. Evaluate municipal planning policies and regulations to ensure that these policies address the community's historic preservation needs to the greatest extent possible. A thorough review of municipal code and zoning ordinances, planning procedures and other regulatory mechanisms is essential to advancing preservation and making the highest and best use of historic resources.
- D. Identify significant historic resources that need to be protected through a local historic preservation ordinance (seeking technical advice from the BHP community preservation coordinator). For resources that are threatened by demolition or neglect, apply to be included on the annual *Pennsylvania at Risk* list.
- E. If the local government owns, occupies, or manages historic buildings, take action to keep these properties occupied and in good repair.

Training:

- A. Alert municipal staff and local partner organizations to the requirements of the Pennsylvania History Code, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and consultation obligations required when state and federal funding are used for projects and request training from the BHP staff when necessary.
- B. Seek training for the municipality's Historic Preservation Commission or Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) to ensure that the review process is professional and fair.

Signs and Markers:

- A. Submit a historical marker application to BHP for persons, places, or events that have statewide or national significance.
- B. Take action or partner with local preservation advocates to interpret history in public spaces (public gathering areas, parks, and trails) that would benefit from the addition of a sign, marker, or media tag to educate people about community history.

Outreach and Funding:

- A. Alert property owners of income-producing buildings (stores, offices, rental housing, etc.) that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are located in Historic Districts to the federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC) program for historic building rehabilitations. Contact the BHP tax credit manager for assistance in preparing RITC applications.
- B. Seek out grants, state and federal funding and philanthropic donations (where appropriate) to conduct historic preservation projects; as a Certified Local Government, the Borough of Bath is specifically eligible to receive federal funding through the National Park Service.

DULY ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2013, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bath, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BATH




Robert R. Fields, Council President

Attest:



Thomas R. Petrucci, Borough Manager
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved this 3rd day of September, 2013



Donald L. Wunderler, Mayor




CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Borough of Bath, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (the "Borough") certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Borough of Bath which was duly enacted by affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Bath Borough Council at a meeting duly held on September 3rd, 2013, and that said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this certificate.

I further certify that the Council of the Borough of Bath met the advance notice requirements of Act #175 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 19, 1974, by advertising the date of said meeting and posting a notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bath, Pennsylvania, the place of the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Borough this 3rd day of September, 2013.



Thomas R. Petrucci, Borough Manager/Secretary-
Treasurer