



To: Caln Township Commissioners

From: Don Vymazal  
Township Manager

RE: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), 2025 Community  
Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)

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The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is now accepting applications through the 2025 Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2). This program supports municipal project related to park improvements and trail construction associated with both outdoor recreational opportunities. Earlier this month, staff had the opportunity to meet with DCNR regional staff in Lloyd Park regarding this project. DCNR encouraged the township to submit a C2P2 application for this project and felt that this improvement would score very highly.

With board approval and support, staff are prepared to develop a competitive application through the C2P2 program to fund the development of the Beaver Creek Trail – Segment 5. This segment of the proposed trail network is located in Lloyd Park and will directly connect with the Borough of Downingtown, including the installation of a pedestrian bridge over Beaver Creek.

At this time, the township has completed engineering and design plans for this project – ensuring that this portion of the trail is ‘shovel ready.’ Gilmore has provided a preliminary cost estimate for the construction of this trail segment and anticipate overall costs will be \$945,101.85. Both the design plans and cost estimates documents are attached and can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

While historically, this has been a very competitive statewide funding opportunity, we feel the strong merits of this project will increase the likelihood of success. This future trail will provide a connection between two municipalities and is a vital component of the larger trail network that will ultimately connect thousands of residents to the Thorndale Business District, Thorndale Train Station, and proposed Chester Valley Trail extension. These factors are specifically highlighted as priorities in the [Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#), and the [Pennsylvania Land and Water Trail Network Strategic Plan](#).

In past years, this statewide program supported the construction of trail projects throughout the Commonwealth, with Chester County projects receiving between \$100,000 and 1,000,000 in support. While there is a 50% match associated with this funding opportunity, funding through the Chester County Preservation Partnership Program can serve as matching funding. The DCNR C2P2 funding application deadline is April 2, 2025 and a Resolution from the governing body is required for a complete submission. If staff submission of this application is supported by the Commissioners, a Resolution will be prepared and presented for consideration at the February meeting.