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DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWING GROWING GREENER

RESOLUTION # 25-2011

WHEREAS, the Growing Greener program has provided funding for preserving open space and farmlands, developing community park and recreation areas, cleaning up abandoned mines and brownfield sites, restoring impaired rivers and streams, and protecting and improving our state game, forest and park lands; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County has effectively leveraged Growing Greener funds to achieve tangible, lasting results for its residents, including such projects as Urban Meadows, Countywide Farmland Preservation, Conservation District Nutrient Trading Program and the rehabilitation and development of Fort Hunter Park; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County seeks to protect the health of its citizens and enhance the quality of life for its residents, in part by planning for and implementing projects that preserve open space and historic resources, providing for community parks and recreation and safeguarding water resources; and

WHEREAS, these projects also provide significant health and economic benefits, increase property values and improve the community's ability to attract growing businesses; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County has learned that Growing Greener II will soon expire and funds for Growing Greener I have been precipitously diminished; and that this will affect the community's ability to restore and protect our local environment and the environment of Dauphin County; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County understands that throughout Pennsylvania, Growing Greener II has helped to preserve nearly 34,000 acres of working family farms; conserve more than 42,300 acres of threatened natural areas; restore more than 1,600 acres of abandoned mine lands; and enhance access to outdoor recreation through 234 community park projects and 132 state park and forest infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County wishes to encourage and support renewed funding for the Growing Greener program, before the last of the Growing Greener II funds are spent in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dauphin County supports renewal of Growing Greener by the General Assembly and the Governor.

DULY ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners held this 26th day of October, 2011.

DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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