

**Upper Darby Township
Delaware County, Pennsylvania**

RESOLUTION NO. 38-25

**A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOCAL
SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT FOR COLLENBROOK CREEK GABION RETAINING
WALL RECONSTRUCTION PHASE-II**

WHEREAS, within Upper Darby Township (“Township”) exists a gabion retaining wall (“Retaining Wall”) along Collenbrook Creek; and

WHEREAS, since its original construction in 1976 the Retaining Wall has experienced progressive destabilization and structure failure, including significant signs of deterioration such as corrosion of the basket wire mesh, rotational failure indicated by soil cracking behind the upper wall baskets, and loss of gabion stone material; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years the Township has undertaken various maintenance efforts for the Retaining Wall including applying shotcrete and installing new mesh facings on the gabion baskets; and

WHEREAS, despite taking remedial measures to maintain the Retaining Wall, said measures have proven to be temporary and insufficient in addressing the long-term structural deficiencies of the Retaining Wall; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, approximately seventy-five (75) linear feet of the Retaining Wall began leaning into Collenbrook Creek, prompting emergency repair by the Township; and

WHEREAS, more recently, approximately two-hundred ninety-eight (298) linear feet of the original Retaining Wall has further deteriorated, deviating from its vertical alignment and exerting pressure on the previously repaired section, causing, once again, leaning into Collenbrook Creek, and for which the Township is currently executing an emergency project to stabilize this segment; and

WHEREAS, because the remaining five hundred two (502) linear feet of the Retaining Wall continues to exhibit signs of corrosion, undermining, and structural instability, the Township seeks to proactively demolish the remaining severe deteriorated Retaining Wall and reconstruct a new wall in its place to prevent a complete collapse into the Collenbrook Creek (“Collenbrook Creek Gabion Retaining Wall Construction Phase II”); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account Grant funds projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township must apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Local Share Account Grant for the demolition and reconstruction of the Collenbrook Creek Gabion Retaining Wall Construction Phase II; and

WHEREAS, Township Council believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to authorize the Township's application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account Grant for the demolition and reconstruction of the Collenbrook Creek Gabion Retaining Wall Construction Phase II and to authorize the appropriate Township officers to take such steps necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Darby Township Council, and it is hereby **ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** by authority of same as follows:

1. The proper officers are hereby authorized to apply for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Agency to be used for Collenbrook Creek Gabion Wall Reconstruction Phase II.
2. The terms of the Authorized Official Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", are approved, and the appropriate officials are authorized to execute same and submit on behalf of the Township.
3. The proper officers are hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.
4. All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.
5. The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the Mayor or, in the event the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this Resolution, fifteen days after the last day on which the Mayor can approve or veto this Resolution, as set forth in the Upper Darby Township Home Rule Charter, Section C-702.C.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this _____ day of November, 2025.

SEAL:

ATTEST: _____
MICHELLE BILLUPS
Secretary of Council

BY: _____
HAFIZ TUNIS
President of Council

Resolution No. 38-25 is hereby approved this _____ day of November, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
CRANDALL O. JONES
Chief Administrative Officer

BY: _____
EDWARD BROWN
Mayor

Exhibit “A”

Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that the Township of Upper Darby (Name of Applicant) of Delaware (Name of County) hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$ 1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Collenbrook Creek Gabion Retaining Wall Reconstruction Phase 2.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Edward Brown, Mayor (Name and Title) and Crandall O. Jones, CAO (Name and Title) as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Upper Darby (Name of Applicant) and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Michelle Billups, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Upper Darby (Name of Applicant) (Name of County) Delaware, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Township of Upper Darby (Governing Body) at a regular meeting held November 19, 2025 (Date) and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of Upper Darby (Applicant) and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Upper Darby (Applicant), this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Township of Upper Darby
Name of Applicant

Delaware
County

Secretary

