

RESOLUTION 45 2015

TO REMOVE TULPEHOCKEN (BUSHONG) DAM

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) declared that the City of Reading is the owner of the Tulpehocken (Bushong) Dam, PA DEP Dam # D06-009; and

WHEREAS, the Tulpehocken Dam was originally built in 1892 for power generation to operate a paper mill, but that use was abandoned resulting in the dam no longer providing a useful purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Tulpehocken Dam poses a public safety hazard with liability issues; and

WHEREAS, the Tulpehocken Dam is in deteriorated condition, such that the cost of repairing the dam to current Dam Safety Standards would pose an undue financial hardship on the City of Reading; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is desirous to return the park area adjacent to the dam to a safe and functioning park area; and

WHEREAS, the cost of removing Tulpehocken Dam and rehabilitating the park area is a one-time expenditure and is significantly less cost than the cost of repairing the dam, removing surrounding hazards, and operating and maintaining the dam to increasing Dam Safety Standards ; and

WHEREAS, removing the Tulpehocken Dam would provide for the passage of fish and other aquatic species and would improve riparian buffer habitat of the Tulpehocken Creek in the Schuylkill River watershed; and

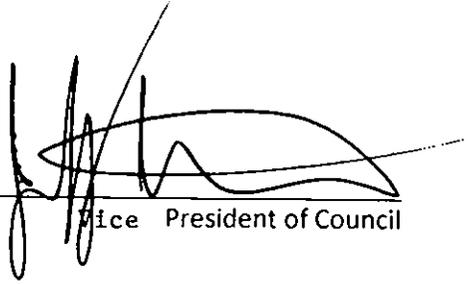
WHEREAS, removing the Tulpehocken Dam would significantly improve public safety and reduce overall liability in the vicinity of the dam; and

WHEREAS, numerous state agencies and private partnering organizations are providing technical and/or potential financial assistance to the City of Reading for the removal of Tulpehocken Dam;

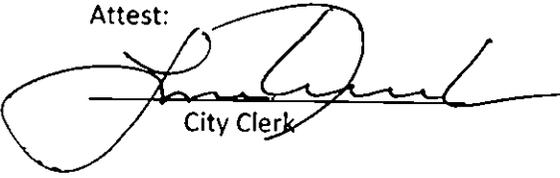
NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Reading that removal of Tulpehocken Dam be selected as the most cost effective and beneficial management option available to the City.

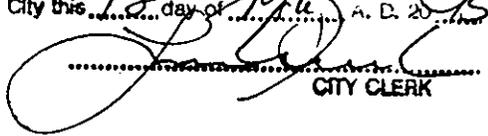
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Reading makes applications with private partnering organizations for multiple grant sources to assemble project funding. Potential grant sources may include the PA DEP's Growing Greener Grant program, the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Quittapahilla-Tulpehocken Grant program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant program, and other grants as may be appropriate for the dam removal and park development and restoration.

Approved and adopted this 11 day of May, 2015.


Vice President of Council

Attest:


City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original *Resolution* passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the *11* day of *May* A. D. 20*15*. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this *12* day of *May* A. D. 20*15*.

CITY CLERK