

Information Briefing Summary

Board of Supervisors



Regarding: Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation & Connectivity Plan

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Date of Proposed Action: July 20, 2022 for Ratification

ACTION FORCING EVENT

The Vision Partnership Program (VPP) grant for the Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan needs acceptance from the participating municipalities for the purposes of getting reimbursed. Birmingham Township is the administrator of this grant. The deadline for reimbursement is before the second Board of Supervisors meeting in July, hence a verbal approval is sought in advance of that July 20th meeting. The draft of the 159-page Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/yn2ykp2xi6y6vcs/Brandywine%20Battlefield%20Heritage%20Interpretation%20and%20Connectivity%20Plan.pdf?dl=0>

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Through the development of the Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan, a concept was established to aid in creatively educating residents and visitors about the story of the Battle of Brandywine, the events of that day, the people it impacted, and the communities and landscapes it forever altered. The plan is a multi-municipal plan that spans seven communities located in Chester and Delaware Counties. The study area for this plan centers on Birmingham, Kennett, East Bradford, Thornbury, Pennsbury, and Westtown Townships in Chester County and Chadds Ford Township in Delaware County. The area of focus for this Plan, or its study area, is the area within these seven municipalities that also falls within the Brandywine Battlefield Boundary.

The Board sent its support to Birmingham Township for an extension of this grant on June 16, 2021 until January 31, 2022. Additionally, the Board has previously approved works associated with this project such as the new sign going up at Chandler Mill. The VPP grant associated with the project is nearing its deadline which is why we are requesting formal approval for the project at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no new costs associated with this plan.

RECOMMENDATION

To record the position of the Board, the recommendation is to ratify their acceptance of this plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION (if there is one)

To ratify the letter explaining the Board of Supervisors' approval of the presented Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan.