

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Parks & Recreation Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Montgomery County 2040 Implementation Grant Application

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- I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application, under Montgomery County's 2040 Implementation Grant Program to perform streambank stabilization at Harriton Park.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The Board of Commissioners must approve the grant submission because of the requirement for the Township to commit to providing matching local funds.
- III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):** The Board of Commissioners typically adopt resolutions approving grant applications requiring local matching funds.
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:**

The Township has received notification that applications are being accepted for grants through Montgomery County's 2040 grant program. The Board of Commissioners must adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application. The grant application was submitted on Friday, February 28, 2020, and the Board of Commissioners must authorize the grant application prior to the county considering these applications by the end of March.

The grant will be used to perform approximately 1,100 feet of streambank stabilization at Harriton Park. This is one of the pollution reduction projects in the Township's current MS4 permit with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Township is seeking the maximum \$200,000 grant authorized under this program.

The county has informed staff that additional grant funding to Lower Merion Township in 2020 may be more difficult to obtain due to the limited funds available, the number of applications anticipated, and the fact that Lower Merion received grant funds under this program in 2018 for the Montgomery Avenue/Levering Mill intersection project and 2019 for the Wynnewood Valley streambank stabilization.
- V. Impact On Township Finances:** The total estimated cost for the project is \$384,865. Any approved grant funding will reduce the Township's contribution.
- VI. Staff Recommendation:** Recommend that the Township adopt the resolution applying for the maximum \$200,000 grant.