

RESOLUTION #2002-7

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
UPPER SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PA
ESTABLISHING A RAILS TO TRAILS CITIZEN TASK FORCE AND
ESTABLISHING ITS DUTES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Newtown Rail corridor, owned by SEPTA, has been inactive for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in converting this rail corridor to a pedestrian and bicycle trail for the recreational and transportation needs of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Southampton Township Board of Supervisors desires to evaluate the feasibility of converting the Newtown Rail Corridor to trails.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve the following:

1. A Rails to Trails Citizen Task Force, (hereinafter called task force), is created to evaluate the feasibility of converting the inactive Newtown Rail Corridor to a pedestrian and bicycle trail. The task force shall investigate any and all issues they deem appropriate such as construction, cost, liability, safety, and maintenance.
2. Members of the task force shall be comprised of a maximum of fifteen (15) Township residents, seven of which shall be members of the Upper Southampton Township Planning Commission. The task force shall elect a Chairman and Secretary from among its membership.
3. The task force shall conduct one or more public hearings to solicit comment from the public.
4. The task force shall review other Rail to Trail programs in preparation of their report.
5. The task force shall provide a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors within six (6) months after the date of its first meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 28th day of May, 2002.


Keith E. Froggatt, Sr., Chairman


Lola Bruckians, Secretary/Treasurer