

RESOLUTION 17-05
**A RESOLUTION TO SET AN URBAN TREE CANOPY GOAL FOR THE
TOWN OF MILLVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Millville recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing its natural environment and seeks to obtain funding through the 2017 Tree Planting and Management Grant through the Delaware State Department of Urban Forestry; and

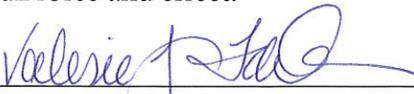
WHEREAS, the urban tree canopy is the layer of leaves, branches and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above and provides an important stormwater management function by intercepting rainfall that would otherwise run off of paved surfaces and be transported into local waters through the storm drainage system, picking up pollutants along the way; and

WHEREAS, the tree canopy shades open spaces and buildings, thereby reducing heating and cooling costs and lowering air temperatures in the summer, and reduces air pollution, increases property values, provides aesthetic and community benefits and provides an important source of food and shelter for birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the State of Delaware Urban Forestry Coordinator, the Town of Millville has set a goal to begin increasing its urban tree cover by November 3, 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Millville, in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 10, Subchapter III, of the Delaware Code and the Charter of the Town of Millville, does hereby recognize the Town's existing forest canopy density of 19.3% and commits to developing and implementing a plan in cooperation with citizens and the State of Delaware Department of Agriculture with the intention to grow the resource to 20.3% or greater over the next 10 years as part of the Town's continued commitment to preserving and enhancing its natural resources.

I, **Valerie Faden**, Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of Millville, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Millville at its meeting held on MARCH 14, 2017, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and that the same is still in full force and effect.



SECRETARY