

**A RESOLUTION OF EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP  
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE ITS PORTION OF  
STRASBURG ROAD AS A PENNSYLVANIA BYWAY**

WHEREAS, East Fallowfield Township has nominated its portion of Strasburg Road to be designated a Pennsylvania Byway; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Byways Initiative is to support local initiatives to enhance the visual impact of a route; maintain the natural resources and intrinsic qualities along the route; and educate residents and visitors about the history and culture of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the nominated portion of Strasburg Road is recommended to be established as a Byway corridor to display the natural, recreational, scenic, and historic resources of the township, county and region, historic and scenic features include historic Strasburg Road itself – the oldest state road in Chester County dating to the mid-1700s which is the common thread connecting the historic resources included in the Strasburg Road National Register Thematic group; and

WHEREAS the scenic, historic and natural highlights of Strasburg Road in East Fallowfield include the historic Mortonville mill district, the five span 1826 Mortonville stone arch bridge crossing the West branch of Brandywine Creek, the Mortonville Mill dam on Brandywine Creek and the remains of the mill race; the winding road travels through open farm lands with hedges, fences, stone walls, tree lines, wood lots, and dense woodlands with plentiful wildlife viewing opportunities, the twin hamlets of Hephzibah and Youngsburg, the historic Hephzibah Baptist Church, the stone East Fallowfield Elementary School, and several well-preserved mid-Nineteenth Century houses including the former White Horse Tavern (c.1816), and the crossroads village of Towerville at the intersection of Park Avenue and Strasburg Road with twin Queen Anne houses and additional mid to late Nineteenth Century and early Twentieth Century houses; and

WHEREAS the recreational opportunities along Strasburg Road in East Fallowfield Township include hiking, picnicking, canoeing, fishing, kayaking, and tubing on the Brandywine Creek and the East Fallowfield Community Park between Buck Run Road and Doe Run Road.

WHEREAS, tourism is an important industry in the state of Pennsylvania and provides excellent economic opportunities for Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this portion of Strasburg Road as a Pennsylvania Byway would not only highlight and feature the historical and scenic attributes and recreational resources along the route, but would also make the route eligible for funds to enhance various locations along the route for the education, enjoyment, and safety of visitors and residents, as well as encourage the preservation of the township’s natural and historic resources for its posterity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisors of East Fallowfield Township support the nomination to designate Strasburg Road as a Pennsylvania Byway. Furthermore, Supervisors of said township will uphold and maintain Strasburg Road as a PA Scenic Byway in perpetuity.

RESOLVED this 23rd day of June, 2009.

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
By: \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
By: \_\_\_\_\_, Member  
By: \_\_\_\_\_, Member  
By: \_\_\_\_\_, Member

ATTEST:

Denise Miller  
Township Secretary