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South Middleton Township Receives South Mountain Partnership Grant

South Middleton Township, PA – On December 19, 2019, the South Middleton Township Board of Supervisors approved a contract with the South Mountain Partnership for a grant in the amount of \$6,000 to advance a bioretention retrofit project at the Township municipal building at 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs.

The Township was awarded the South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant to rehabilitate an existing detention basin to a bioretention area – the Township’s first onsite stormwater best management practice that will serve both water quality and educational purposes.

In July 2019, the Township submitted a grant application to the Mini-Grant Program for the proposed project. The existing detention basin captures stormwater runoff from facility buildings, parking areas, and adjacent drainage areas. However, the Township would like to improve this area and address concerns associated with overall stormwater management in the Township. The project will better manage the runoff from the buildings, parking areas, and drainage areas, as the existing detention basin is filled with invasive plant species and runoff if not adequately filtered before discharging into a small tributary that releases into the Yellow Breeches.

Township Manager Cory Adams stated, “The Township deeply values our natural resources, including the Yellow Breeches. We want to be good stewards of our environment and the South Mountain Partnership has provided us the opportunity to do just that.” The Yellow Breeches is known for its trout fishing and water recreation opportunities and the preservation of its water quality is a priority for the Township. The Yellow Breeches and its tributaries consist of 368 river miles that start in the South Mountain area, Cumberland County and flow east through Adams, York, and Cumberland Counties before draining into the Susquehanna River.

MS4 Coordinator Kelly Kurtas greatly appreciates the funding from South Mountain Partnership, as it helps the Township commence the process of addressing stormwater management. “We are excited to implement this project and realize the benefits of creating a bioretention area for both environmental and educational purposes.”

Chairman of the Board of Supervisor, Bryan Gembusia stated, “The South Mountain Partnership’s grant award will allow the Township to continue its work toward ensuring our waterways are protected and sustainable for years to come. We are excited to advance this project and are grateful to all those who have provided support.”

This project was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. The grant was awarded through the South Mountain Partnership, with management oversight by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

The Township is a partner of the South Mountain Partnership, an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania. To learn more about the South Mountain Partnership, please visit www.southmountainpartnership.org.

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