

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: November 9, 2017

Action Item#9: To Endorse the Ardentown Paths Plan

Description/Summary of Item: Staff will present the final report and recommendations for the Ardentown Paths Plan. The Plan was requested by the Village of Ardentown to provide an update and enhancement to the 2013 Ardentown Paths Report. The Plan presents seven recommendations which seek to improve the maintenance, safety, wayfinding, and connectivity of Ardentown's path network.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The PAC took no action but was supportive of the public outreach process for this project.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC: The TAC endorsed the final report at their October 19 meeting.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable):
The Village of Ardentown is expected to endorse the study at their November 6 town meeting.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the final report.

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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE ARDENTOWN PATHS PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO Council recognizes that comprehensive planning for future land use, transportation, sustainable economic development, environmental protection and enhancement, and community health and livability are necessary actions to implement the goals and objectives in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardentown submitted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) request for WILMAPCO to provide an update and enhancement to the 2013 Ardentown Paths Report, in order to identify, preserve, and enhance the network of paths in Ardentown; and

WHEREAS, the Ardentown Paths Plan assessed existing conditions of the paths, their history, and unofficial path names; and

WHEREAS, the Ardentown Paths Plan employed continuous and thorough public engagement and support throughout the planning process, including two public surveys to identify and prioritize recommendations and paths for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Ardentown Paths Plan puts forth several context-sensitive and prioritized recommendations that will improve the maintenance, safety, wayfinding, and connectivity of Ardentown's path network; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardentown formally endorsed the Ardentown Paths Plan at their November 2017 town meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the Ardentown Paths Plan.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

