



RESOLUTION# 2026.04.A

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA TO
ADOPT INITIATIVES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PENNSYLVANIA AUDUBON
COUNCIL BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA
"BIRD TOWN"

WHEREAS, Chester Heights Borough recognizes that birds are indicators of environmental health and pledges to provide resources for them.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Audubon Council, owner of the "Bird Town" and "Bird Town Pennsylvania" service and design marks, and offeror of the Bird Town Pennsylvania programs and services, will work with municipalities to engage and educate their residents, schools and businesses about conservation actions they can take to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife and people.

WHEREAS, the Chester Heights Borough recognizes that these programs and services could be a powerful tool to increase "green living, promote a culture of conservation in our community and provide positive social, economic and ecological outcomes.

WHEREAS, Chester Heights Borough recognizes that using native plants, reducing storm water runoff and energy use can help restore natural systems and ecological integrity

WHEREAS, elected representatives of the Borough of Chester Heights, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community, increase property values, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to engage in new efforts to live lighter on the land and provide a healthier environment for the people and birds of our Borough, Chester Heights Council wishes to commit to ecological initiatives and by doing so, we will be recognized as a Bird Town Pennsylvania community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Chester Heights that we do hereby authorize the Mayor, Jeanne L. Montgomery to serve as the Borough of Chester Heights agent for the Bird Town Pennsylvania processes.

RESOLVED this 20th, day of April 2026.

President of Council, Timothy Hudak

Attest:

Secretary



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MUNICIPAL APPLICATION TO BECOME A BIRD TOWN

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY Borough of Chester Heights
COUNTY Delaware County

DEMOGRAPHICS:

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TYPE OF MUNICIPALITY CITY TOWNSHIP BOROUGH TOWN

APPLICANT TYPE EAC MUNICIPAL BOARD MUNICIPAL STAFF RESIDENT OTHER

TYPE OF SETTING URBAN SUBURBAN RURAL COMBINATION

POPULATION OF TOWN: 3000

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS: 1900

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CIVIC ENTITY THAT IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BIRD TOWN COMMITTEE? Community Engagement Committee oversees the Birdtown PA Advisory subcommittee

CONTACT:

CONTACT NAME: Jeanne L. Montgomery

TITLE: Mayor

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BIRD TOWN COMMITTEE:

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF YOUR BIRD TOWN COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THEIR EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS.

We strongly recommend that you have at least three people on your Bird Town Committee in order to share the workload and provide sustainability for the program.

Margaret Mary Hudak

Ann Boohar

Joanne Hess Anderson

Kirk Anderson

Jeanne Montgomery



CURRENT AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOUR SECTIONS BELOW. EACH SECTION REPRESENTS A STRATEGY FOR EFFECTIVELY WORKING TOWARD BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA GOALS. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SECTION ARE A LIST OF EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES. THE EXAMPLES WILL HELP TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF EACH STRATEGY. FEEL FREE TO USE ANY OF THE EXAMPLES BUT YOU MAY CERTAINLY HAVE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES TO FULFILL YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S NEEDS FOR EACH STRATEGY.

REVIEW THE EXAMPLES AND COMPLETE THE NARRATIVE PORTION WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES YOU MAY HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED AND PLAN TO COMPLETE IN THE FUTURE. THERE ARE NO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE OFF TO A SOLID START.

Bird Town Pennsylvania's Four Category Areas

1. Creating and Protecting Habitat

EXAMPLES:

- Promote best management of community habitat
- Create and protect habitat
- Promote Native Plants
- Control Invasive Plants

Creating and Protecting Habitat Narrative (Place cursor in the grey box and type. The box will expand to as much space as you need. Please use complete sentences.)

Chester Heights Birdtown hopes to promote individuals utilizing native plants and share where to get them. The early stages of our Birdtown activity will focus on sharing easy-to-do tips for an individual's property, whether that is a townhome, a deck with plants, a full garden, or more.
Basic communications will hopefully drive more participation in the positive aspects of native plants.



2. Threats to Birds

EXAMPLES:

- Address Collisions with glass
- Address Light Pollution
- Address the threat of pesticides and other toxins

Threats to Birds Narrative (Place cursor in the grey box and type. The box will expand to as much space as you need. Please use complete sentences.)

Right off the bat, CHB Birdtown would like to share information about light pollution. Since we are in the migrating season, some condo associations have issued notices to alert neighbors. We see a collision with glass as an early item since we have sliders in many of the condos and may share tips on how to address. Education will be the focus as we are finding that not everyone is aware of these simple threats to birds.

3. Education and Engagement

EXAMPLES:

- Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day
- Increase awareness of birds and their habitats
- Educate and engage all ages
- Ensure access to nature
- Involve the community in conservation and stewardship

Education and Engagement Narrative (Place cursor in the grey box and type. The box will expand to as much space as you need. Please use complete sentences.)

We hope to begin our Birdtown venture with World Migratory Day, May 9, 2026. We will put out a notice in our E-News and provide a few options to join us in celebrating and raising awareness. This will be for community members of all ages.



4. Sustainability

EXAMPLES:

- Educate residents about climate impacts and renewable energy
- Reduce energy use and carbon emissions
- Promote sustainable infrastructure and practices

Sustainability Narrative (Place cursor in the grey box and type. The box will expand to as much space as you need. Please use complete sentences.)

Chester Heights Borough does not have a sustainability committee as such, but we support, follow, and share tips from the County Sustainability Department. We have a large community-wide recycling event in September, and it will be an opportunity to share additional information on best practices. We can include a tip on our postcard that goes out to all 1900 households.



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Signature Page [REQUIRED]

A municipal resolution, establishing the Bird Town Committee and the reporting structure within the municipality, is required. The signatures below will let Bird Town Pennsylvania know that the municipality is aware of and supports the goals of the Bird Town Committee.

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY

Timothy Hudak Council President
 PRINT NAME TITLE

[Signature] 4/20/26
 SIGNATURE DATE

FOR THE CIVIC ENTITY
 (THIS MAY BE LEFT BLANK IF THE BIRD TOWN COMMITTEE
 REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY)

 PRINT NAME TITLE

 SIGNATURE DATE

FOR THE BIRD TOWN COMMITTEE

Jeanne L. Montgomery Mayor
 PRINT NAME TITLE

Jeanne L. Montgomery 4/20/26
 SIGNATURE DATE