

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 94 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support construction of MLK Trail Phase 2.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the 2025 Capital Fund State Aid revenue account in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as follows:

001-00-0000-0000-47144	State Aid	\$ 300,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes supplemental appropriation to the MLK Trail Project as follows:

Parks Department
MLK Trail

001-08-1663-1025-50046	Other Contract Services	\$ 300,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Purpose of the ordinance is to approve of the revenue and expenses for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant for construction of MLK Trail Phase 2. City received a \$300,000 grant to support this planning phase.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The Bill appropriates the grant funds, which will support the construction of Phase 2 of the MLK Trail.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

No matching funds required.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The funding comes from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
001-00-0000-0000-47144 (Increases the State Aid revenue balance of the Capital Fund)
001-08-1663-1025-50046 (increase the expense account for the MLK Trail project)

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

This is a normal priority project.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to construct Phase 2 of the MLK Trail, which will connect Center City residents with other areas of the city.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Pennsylvania DCNR

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

No

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for new and creative projects to better engage with Allentonians. Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to create better facilities for our community and to enhance our recreational activities.