

RESOLUTION 2025-23

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATING ARROW MINES STATE PARK ON PRIVATE LAND LOCATED PARTIALLY WITHIN AND OTHERWISE NEAR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Arrow Lake is an approximately 70-acre lake located 2.5 miles from the City of Mount Pleasant Town Square; and

WHEREAS, Arrow Lake was created when an earthen dam was constructed on Sugar Creek around 1920 and the lake was used for recreation and fishing by residents of the City of Mount Pleasant and beyond from its creation until the mid-2000s; and

WHEREAS, Arrow Lake was operated as a recreation and fishing lake by the State of Tennessee parks and wildlife agencies from the 1930s until at least the mid-1950s and Arrow Lake once drew thousands of anglers from throughout Middle Tennessee causing the *Nashville Tennessean* to once describe Arrow Lake as the “mecca for fisherman in this area”; and

WHEREAS, Arrow Lake is located within a 1,485+/- acre tract of land described as Maury County Tax Map 150, Parcel 21.00 Part I and Part II, land that commonly called the “Arrow Mines” property; and

WHEREAS, after all industrial operations had ceased on the property, StarLink Logistics Inc. (“SLLI”), an indirect corporate affiliate of global healthcare company Sanofi, took title to the Arrow Mines property in 2001; and

WHEREAS, SLLI has spent the past 15-plus years conducting a voluntary environmental investigation and remediation of the Arrow Mines property pursuant to a Consent Order and Agreement it negotiated with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (“TDEC”) Division of Remediation under the State’s Voluntary Oversight and Assistance Program (“VOAP”); and

WHEREAS, SLLI will soon complete its obligations under the VOAP to the satisfaction of TDEC and SLLI desires to return the Arrow Mines property to a responsible and beneficial use; and

WHEREAS, SLLI is proposing to explore a public-private partnership with the City of Mount Pleasant, Maury County and the State of Tennessee to convert its property into the proposed Arrow Mines State Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Arrow Mines State Park would significantly benefit the residents of the City of Mount Pleasant and would benefit the local economy by transforming a currently idle property into an ecotourism destination; and

WHEREAS, SLLI created a Conceptual Master Plan for the proposed Arrow Mines State Park using a land use planning consultant that the City of Mount Pleasant had separately engaged for its City planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Arrow Mines State Park is a demonstration of high-quality environmental stewardship, potentially transforming a once heavily mined tract of land with substantial industrial operations for nearly a century, into a scenic state park with significant biodiversity, education and wellness opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are no state parks in Maury County and the nearest state park, Henry Horton State Park, is more than a 45-minute drive from the City of Mount Pleasant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Mount Pleasant fully supports exploration and proposed creation of Arrow Mines State Park and encourages Maury County, the State of Tennessee and other interested parties to engage in these efforts.
2. Subject to further evaluation, including securing sustainable sources of funding, the City of Mount Pleasant is willing to consider contributing resources to support the evaluation, creation and operation of the proposed Arrow Mines State Park, a portion of which would be located within the limits of the City of Mount Pleasant as those limits currently exist.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

WILLIAM F. WHITE, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHIPHRAH COX, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

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