

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2013

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres Program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years; the State Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres of farmland over the past 30 years; and the Historic Trust has preserved 477 historic sites over the past 45 years; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 will be fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Moorestown Township has been a direct beneficiary of, and partner to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a long-term, dedicated source of funding be established in order to:

- sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act
- improve and ensure proper stewardship of parks, preserved lands, and historic sites
- provide equitable access to quality parks and recreation in urban, suburban, and rural areas
- match and leverage local, county, and private funds for these purposes
- protect drinking water supplies, water quality, and alleviate costly flood damages
- preserve fish and wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting and fishing
- revitalize cities and towns
- protect our quality of life and economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Moorestown Township supports establishment of a long-term, dedicated source of state funding for these purposes.
2. A certified copy of this resolution be served upon Governor Chris Christie, Senator Diane Allen, Assemblyman Troy Singleton, and
3. Assemblyman Herb Conaway, Jr., Freeholders County of Burlington, NJ Keep It Green, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

VOTE:

JORDAN
CHIACCHIO
GARWOOD
NEWCOMER
NAPOLITANO

Certified to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council at its meeting on April 22, 2013.

Patricia L. Hunt, RMC
Township Clerk