

## **RESOLUTION 2013-124**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE 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, and the state Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000; 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 were fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities across the Garden State have been direct beneficiaries of, and partners 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 all our communities and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that a sustainable state funding source be established in order to sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby expresses support for the establishment of a sustainable state funding source for these purposes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Senator Christopher J. Connors, Assemblywoman Dianne C. Gove, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, the members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.

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Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk