

RESOLUTION 2024-413

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO APPLY FOR THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township aims to be a climate-ready community that is resilient to climate change.

WHEREAS, a climate-ready community seeks to understand current and projected climate hazards affecting health, safety, infrastructure, property, and businesses so that appropriate actions may be implemented before hazard events occur to cause harm; and

WHEREAS, a climate-ready community seeks to optimize sustainability through improving quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township's Master Plan is aimed at guiding the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, and improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment is required by NJ law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28) to be included in Barnegat Township's Master Plan Land Use Plan Element; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and, recognizing municipalities are interested in guidance on climate resilience, created a Guide to Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey provides a Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance Program for municipalities to use the Guide to Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning to complete a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment consistent with the NJ law;

THEREFORE, the Township Committee of Barnegat Township has determined that Barnegat should apply for the aforementioned Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance Program.

THEREFORE, Barnegat Township will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance project, including providing planning documents and relevant assessment data and supporting public events and opportunities to share and receive comment on the project.

THEREFORE, Barnegat Township will commit to providing a professional planner to review the draft and final version of the Climate Change-Related Vulnerability Assessment for potential adoption into the municipal Master Plan Land Use Plan Element.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Barnegat Township, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned application to Sustainable Jersey for Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Assistance Program.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal 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 of the Township of Barnegat at their meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey on the 3rd day of December, 2024

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk