

RESOLUTION 2017-5

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE HIGHLANDS OPEN SPACE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N.J.A.C. 7:70-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council or Council); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act at N.J.S.A. 13:20-2 declares that the New Jersey Highlands is an essential source of drinking water, providing clean and plentiful drinking water for one-half of the State's population, including exceptional natural resources such as clean air, contiguous forest lands, wetlands, pristine watersheds, and habitat for fauna and flora for the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act, also includes that “the new regional planning approach and the more stringent environmental regulatory standards should be accompanied, as a matter of wise public policy and fairness to property owners, by a strong and significant commitment by the State to fund the acquisition of exceptional natural resource value lands . . .”; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) which became effective on September 8, 2008 and which through RMP Goal 1H calls for the protection of critical resources through land preservation and stewardship of open space throughout the Highlands Regions; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2016, the Highlands Council adopted N.J.A.C. 7:70-1 et seq. which includes the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program (Partnership Program) governing the eligible state and local governments, and charitable conservancies for the acquisition of land for passive recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership Program provides for an open space matching grant program that would incentivize property owners to seek out contributions from entities interested in land conservation by having the Council match such contributions on a priority basis identified in the Partnership Program, from certain landowners; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2017, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:70 Subchapter 3, the Partnership Program’s eligibility criteria, the Council Landowner Equity and Land Preservation Committee reviewed eligible applications and approved the following properties for Partnership Program funding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby authorizes the Executive Director to make offers to the following properties subject to the eligibility requirements pursuant to Partnership Program:

County	Municipality	Block	Lot
Morris	Kinnelon Borough	57101	120
Warren	Oxford Township	2	15
Warren	Frelinghuysen Township	1301	3
Warren	Frelinghuysen Township	1201	34
Sussex	Byram Township	263	692
Sussex	Byram Township	343	9
Sussex	Byram Township	343	12.01
Sussex	Byram Township	344	4
Sussex	Byram Township	344	13
Sussex	Byram Township	344	14.01
Sussex	Byram Township	344	14.03
Sussex	Byram Township	344	28
Sussex	Byram Township	344	34
Sussex	Byram Township	344	35
Sussex	Byram Township	352	1
Sussex	Byram Township	354	1
Sussex	Byram Township	355	1
Sussex	Byram Township	357	2
Sussex	Byram Township	358	2
Sussex	Byram Township	362	3
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	50001	1
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	50002	7
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	50002	7.01
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	50002	12
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	60001	7
Sussex	Sparta Township	1003	1
Sussex	Byram Township	226	26
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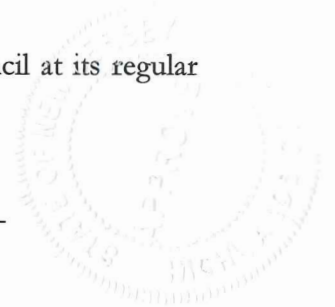
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of March, 2017.



 Jim Rilee, Chairman



**Vote on the Approval of
The Resolution**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dougherty	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dressler	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Francis	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Holtaway	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember James	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Richko	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sebetich	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Tfrank	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Visioli	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vohden	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Walton	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Chairman Rilee	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____