

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 212

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THE USE OF THE OPEN SPACE FUND TO INCLUDE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution 1995-61 authorizing the establishment of a County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, there are several municipalities who cannot take advantage of open space funds due to lack of farmland within their municipality or already having enough open space available to its residents; and

WHEREAS, surrounding counties have modified their open space programs by incorporating changes such as expanding their program in the realms of recreation and historic preservation to include development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes. Also included in the open space change is the preservation of historic properties, structures and the acquisition of such properties for historic preservation purposes to expand open space opportunities; and

WHEREAS, State law 40:12-15.2 allows modification to open space funds for recreation and historic preservation development; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders should review the success of surrounding counties and consider making changes to the present County open space fund program for all Cumberland County residents to publicly enjoy our County's rich natural and cultural resources, by expanding recreation and historic development and County Open Space funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vineland request that the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders consider the expansion of the County Open Space Fund to include recreational development and historic preservation which would be in the best interest of municipalities, their residents, and visitors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders and all Municipalities within Cumberland County.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



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April 17, 2015

Mayor Ruben Bermudez
City of Vineland
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Vineland, NJ 08362-1508

RE: Resolution #63-2015 – A Resolution Requesting The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders To Consider Expanding The Use Of The Open Space Fund To Include Recreational Development And Historic Preservation

Dear Mayor Bermudez:

Please find enclosed a copy of Resolution #63-2015 – A Resolution Requesting The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders To Consider Expanding The Use Of The Open Space Fund To Include Recreational Development And Historic Preservation which was adopted by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise L. Peterson".

Denise L. Peterson
Municipal Clerk

Dlp

Cc: Township Committee



TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
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WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution 1995-61 authorizing the establishment of a County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township's portion of open space funds since 2003 have been \$334,036.59 with no return to Maurice River Township due to shortage of farmland and the lack of need for additional open space; and

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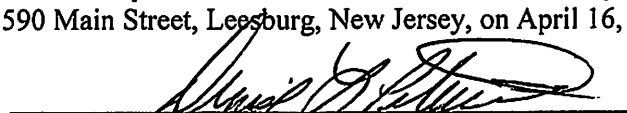
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee request that the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders consider the expansion of the County Open Space Fund to include recreational development and historic preservation which would be in the best interest of municipalities, their residents, and visitors,

NOW, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders and all municipalities within Cumberland County.

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Maurice River, Cumberland County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, 590 Main Street, Leesburg, New Jersey, on April 16, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

Signed:



Denise Peterson, Municipal Clerk