

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
“GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND
FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2009”**

WHEREAS, continued investment in open space, farmland and historic preservation is vitally important to the state, as it enhances New Jersey’s economy and health, safeguards its remaining natural, agricultural, recreational and cultural resources and preserves its character; **and**

WHEREAS, New Jersey continues to face incredible pressure from development, losing 50 acres of open space daily in recent years to new development projects; **and**

WHEREAS, protecting open spaces and improving community parks throughout the State, including urban areas, supports New Jersey state and local economies by stabilizing local property taxes and revitalizing communities; **and**

WHEREAS, the Garden State Preservation Trust, the financing authority for the Green Acres, Farmland Preservation, and Historic Preservation programs, is virtually depleted despite the continued need for the programs it makes possible; **and**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the voters of New Jersey will be asked to approve the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,” which authorizes the state to issue \$400 million in bonds to fund New Jersey’s preservation programs; **and**

WHEREAS, passage of the Bond Act, which will equate to \$10 per household per year, is desperately needed to fund the continued protection of New Jersey’s natural areas and cultural sites while a long-term funding solution for the Garden State Preservation Trust is determined and secured; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the municipality of **(insert name of town)**, in the county of **(insert name of county)** and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. We support the passage of the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009.
2. We encourage the voters of New Jersey to vote yes on the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009, on November 3, 2009.
3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to the following:

Duly authenticated copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to:

The Honorable Jon Corzine, Office of the Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625

State Senators

State Assemblypersons

Keep It Green c/o NJ Audubon Society, 142 W. State Street, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608

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Adopted:

Municipal Clerk