

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2013 - 138 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP, DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY, FOR A NNL (NO NET LOSS) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$620,197. FOR COMPENSATORY REFORESTATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, AND AUTHORIZING RONALD FARR, OF FARR FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THIS NNL GRANT PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has determined that there is a need to apply for a NNL (No Net Loss) Reforestation Grant from the NJDEP, Department of Parks and Forestry, in the amount of \$620,197.00 with no matching funds required, for compensatory reforestation on public lands in the Township of West Milford as a result of the recent deforestation of approximately 42 acres from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline project; and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Environmental Commission has recommended that the Township Council endorse the application for a NNL Grant in the amount of \$620,197.00 for the planting of approximately 2,000 trees on public lands in the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching grant funds required from the Township of West Milford for this NNL Grant Program that was established under the No Net Loss Reforestation Act (NNLR Act) which seeks to conserve forested land in New Jersey and provide funding to perform compensatory reforestation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford entered into a professional services contract with Ronald Farr of Farr Forestry Services, LLC, authorized by Resolution 2013-114 and adopted on April 3, 2013, to prepare and complete a Community Forestry Management Plan for the Township of West Milford, a condition required by the NNL Grant Program for receipt of the NNL grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Farr of Farr Forestry Services, LLC submitted a proposal that included his fees for the NNL Grant application in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total NNL Grant, said services to include, but not be limited to, completion of the application, completion of the planting plan with locations and species required for submission with the application, project budget preparation and management, forestry supervision and project management, and periodic reporting to the West Milford Environmental Commission and Township of West Milford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submission of a NNL (No Net Loss) Grant application to the NJDEP, Division of Parks and Forestry, in the amount of \$620,197.00 and authorizes Ronald Farr of Farr Forestry Services, LLC to complete the grant application and provide the necessary services required for this reforestation grant project.

Adopted: April 17, 2013

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2013
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk