

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2014 - 317 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PLEDGING MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEW JERSEY WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to a rich diversity of wildlife and ecologically significant natural communities, and

WHEREAS, it is more cost-effective to prevent species from becoming imperiled than it is to recover them once their populations have declined, and

WHEREAS, a naturally functioning and healthy ecosystem represents a healthy environment for New Jersey wildlife and our citizens,

WHEREAS, the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, other state and federal agencies, and many partners in conservation have worked together to develop a State Wildlife Action Plan for the benefit of biologists, wildlife experts, municipal leaders, land stewards, non-profit organizations, educators, planners, researchers, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, landowners and all the people who know the wild places of New Jersey State, and

WHEREAS, the residents of, and visitors to, New Jersey also enjoy and benefit from New Jersey's wildlife and wild spaces.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Milford will take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making West Milford an ecologically sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in our public lands management, our environmental resources inventory, and to use this information in the next master plan revision and update our zoning accordingly.

1. This plan is in support of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife, State level Priority Conservation Goals and Strategies.
2. Recognizing that animals are an integral and valuable part of all communities and believing concern for the wellbeing of wild animals and wild species is a hallmark of sustainable natural community, West Milford Township pledges its support for the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan as outlined:
3. We will protect wildlife habitats and maintain connectivity of habitat when formulating an open space acquisition strategy, open space stewardship plans and through the Municipal Master Plan including planning and zoning ordinances.
4. We will seek to minimize disturbance of critical wildlife populations and their habitats from human excessive activities, subsidized predators and invasive species.

Adopted: October 1, 2014

Adopted this 1st day of October 2014
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk