

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2014 – 390 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF GREENWOOD LAKE

WHEREAS, Greenwood Lake, which is over seven miles long, is one of the largest pristine public bodies of water in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Lake has provided recreational opportunities such as swimming, fishing, boating and other aquatic activities for the benefit of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Lake supports economic development in the form of marinas, restaurants, antiquing, trails, concerts and festivals; and

WHEREAS, West Milford Township has been a steward of this land for the benefit of the general public and the preservation of Greenwood Lake; and

WHEREAS, West Milford Township, in its stewardship, has been committed to the preservation of Greenwood Lake by way of applying for and obtaining 319(h) grants for NPS Pollution Control and Management Implementation, participated in weed harvesting by investing Township resources to support such efforts, provided for an intensive street sweeping and basin clean-out program by its Department of Public Works to minimize sediment in Greenwood Lake and supported the Greenwood Lake By-State Commission whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding such efforts by the Township of West Milford, Greenwood Lake still has the challenges of environmental concerns such as weed overgrowth, water quality, sewage and bacteria; and

WHEREAS, while the Township makes every effort to support Greenwood Lake to maintain its sustainability and its pristine environmental and recreational benefits, the need exists for additional funding by the State and Federal Government in order to maintain the high standard of water quality of Greenwood Lake; and

WHEREAS, this funding is needed for but not limited to projects such as dredging of the lake, removing water chestnuts, aquatic plant studies, the completion of stump reduction projects, floating island removal, water monitoring, lake patrols, infra-red photography to locate failing septic, hydro-waking and safety/informational materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Council call on the Township's State and Federal Representatives to seek, coordinate and support Greenwood Lake qualifying for appropriate water quality grant funding from the State Legislature which should include, but not be limited to, projects such as Watershed Restoration and Protection Plans, Regional Stormwater Management Plans, and necessary monitoring and remediation to achieve appropriate stated water quality, quantity and recharge objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township calls on its Federal and State Representatives to identify and support appropriate state and federally funded programs to assist with the water quality and overall preservation of Greenwood Lake from all Federal and State funded sources including, but not

limited to, the United States Department of Agriculture and other such similar funding sources to preserve Greenwood Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township asks each of its State and Federal representatives to respond to this Resolution by identifying and supporting various funding sources within the next 30 days which the Township of West Milford and potentially the Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission would support to obtain necessary funding to address the environmental concerns and preserve the overall benefits of Greenwood Lake for the residents of the Township of West Milford and the general public of the States of New Jersey and New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all of the Township's Federal and State representatives.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: December 3, 2014

Adopted this 3rd day of December, 2014
And certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk