

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2015 - 093 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION AND TRAIL EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has considered a number of Open Space proposals and initiatives pertaining to lands throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council have reviewed the conservation and trail access easement proposed for Block 4701, Lot 61, located on Westbrook Road, within the Township. Acquiring a Conservation and Trail Access Easement will permanently secure the Hewitt Butler Trail in this area, and:

WHEREAS, with the assistance of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, the Mayor and Township Council prepared an application for a Passaic County Open Space Grant for Block 4701, Lot 61, requesting \$74,000 in County funds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council have reviewed and approached the owners of Block 4701, Lot 61, located on Westbrook Road; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application, a public notice was advertised on February 22, 2015 for the Public Hearing to be held on March 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application, notification was sent by certified mail to all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property advising that the site known as Block 4701, Lot 61 is being considered for a Conservation and Trail Access Easement and that a Public Hearing would take place on March 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 4, 2015 at which time public input was solicited regarding the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that after considering all of the materials and reviewing the application for the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Grant for funding for a Conservation and Trail Easement on 88 of the 131 acres of the property known as Block 4701, Lot 61, and after conducting a Public Hearing with respect to this application, the Township Administration is hereby authorized to seek funding from the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for this acquisition in the amount of \$56,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator is hereby authorized to arrange for submission and filing of the grant application materials as prepared with the County of Passaic.

Adopted: March 4, 2015

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2015
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk