

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2018 – 230 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE HIGHLAND REGION ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, Highlands Act has placed an undue burden on municipalities that are in the region due to severe building restrictions imposed by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the ability to build within the municipality has cost the affected communities millions in ratables; and

WHEREAS, due to this loss local businesses and farms are struggling; and

WHEREAS, a Highland Enterprise Zone would bring much needed revenue into municipalities where more than 20,000 acres that have been impacted by the Highlands Act and Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of West Milford is in support of a Highlands Enterprise Zone similar to the Urban Enterprise Zones.

WHEREAS, the Highlands supplies drinking water to about 6.2 million people or more than 70% of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, one of the Highlands Preservation Area Goals is to prohibit or limit, to the maximum extent possible, construction or development which is incompatible with preservation of this unique area. The goal is commendable to protect drinking water but has prevented development leading to economic and property tax stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that it supports the creation of a Highlands Enterprise Zone specifically for municipalities with more than 20,000 acres that have been designated to be restricted under the Highlands Act and Preservation Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford urges other communities to adopt this resolution to urge legislators to recognize the disparate impact the Highlands Act has had on the local municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Passaic County Clerk's Association, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, New Jersey's United States Senators and the Passaic County Legislative Delegation.

Adopted: September 5, 2018

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2018
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of West Milford at their workshop meeting held on September 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk