

RESOLUTION 2017 - 16

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Township Planning Board held a public hearing on September 19, 2017 for the purpose of adopting an update to the Washington Township Master Plan Environmental Resource Inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Environmental Resource Inventory ("ERI") was submitted to the Township Planning Board by the Environmental Commission and was prepared by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and signed by Barbara Haskin Davis, P.P., AICP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Township Planning Board members were in receipt of and reviewed the Washington Township Environmental Resource Inventory update dated August 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 19, 2017 hearing on the updated ERI, the following individuals testified as follows:

1. Joseph Petrongolo, PP, Board Professional Planner, testified that he had previously reviewed a draft as well as the final Environmental Resource Inventory Update prepared for review and approval and adoption by the Township Planning Board.
2. Vicky Binetti, Vice-Chairperson of the Township Environmental Commission, testified that the Planning Board will be making a milestone advancement with the approval and adoption of the updated Environmental Resource Inventory, which Inventory has not been updated for quite some time but is an important component of the Township's Master Plan.
3. Ms. Binetti further testified that the Environmental Resource Inventory Update report is dated August 2017. All members of the Planning Board have been provided with a copy of the Plan, which includes various narratives, tables and maps. In fact, the Report itself is not strictly Environmental but also identifies historical and cultural information regarding the Township. The ERI will serve as a foundation and resource for use by the Township. It is a timely work product. It updates the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. It looks to the Township undertaking initiatives for economic development. Finally, it is an important piece of work for the Township to be able to submit for New Jersey Sustainable Certification, which is a voluntary program through the New Jersey League of Municipalities along with the BPU, the DEP and The College of New Jersey. The New Jersey Sustainable Program goes back approximately seven years, with currently 200+ municipalities having been certified and a key piece of information for a municipality to qualify by

having an updated ERI, which, for the Township, has not been updated for over 30 years.

4. Ms. Binetti handed out a one-page document prepared by Barbara Haskin Davis, P.P., ACIP, Planner, which provided an executive summary of the August 2017 Environmental Resource Inventory contents. It also provided a list of the relevant dates related to the initial start of the project as well as the current public hearing tonight.
5. Ms. Binetti stated adoption of the updated ERI by the Township Planning Board would be invaluable and an important component of the Township's Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the meeting was open to the public and the following individuals commented on the matter as follows:

1. Leon Lakritz, Chairman, Environmental Commission advised the Board that the entire updated ERI document will be available for public viewing on the Township webpage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that the Planning Board does hereby approve and adopt the August 2017 updated Environmental Resource Inventory, a component of the Township's Master Plan, as prepared by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey as signed by Barbara Haskin Davis, PP, AICP.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING BOARD

  
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ALBERT FRATTALI, Chairperson

ATTEST: "

  
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Christine Ciallella, Secretary

ROLL CALL VOTE

J. Gattinelli, Mayor	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
A. Frattali, Chair	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
T. McPoyle, V. Chair	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
E. D'Orazio, II	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Joseph J. Perry, III	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
M. D'Ariano, IV	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
M. Martin, IV	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
T. Sparacio, IV	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
J. Bidinger, IV	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
B. Dennis (Alt #1)	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
R. Centrone (Alt #2)	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

I certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Washington Township Planning Board at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, memorializing the action taken by the Board on September 19, 2017.

  
Christine Ciallella, Secretary

Date:

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