

**ORDINANCE O26-2017**  
**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**  
**GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE XV SEPARATE BOARDS  
AND AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) is a compilation of the natural resources and environmentally significant features of an area, and provides baseline documentation for measuring and evaluating resource protection issues; and

**WHEREAS**, an ERI is a compilation of maps, text and tables describing features such as climate, air quality, geology/geography, topography, soils, hydrology, vegetation, wildlife and habitat, critical areas, contaminated sites, existing land use, historical features, and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the ERI completed for the Township of Washington is an important tool for the Township Council, Administration, Environmental Commission, Open Space Advisory Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment as a foundational resource in actions related to development and redevelopment in the Township, and in protecting environmental resources and public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law authorizes environmental commissions to prepare ERIs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law contemplates that information such as that contained in the ERI be incorporated in the land use element of municipality's Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission completed an update to the Environmental Resource Inventory in 2017, which documents the environmental resources of the Township as of this date; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to periodically review the Environmental Resource Inventory to assure it remains current and continues to be an authoritative source of information for the governing body and citizens of the Township;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2 Article XV § 2-61.D of the Code of the Township of Washington, **Powers of Commission**, be amended to include the duty to periodically review and update, as appropriate, the Environmental Resources Inventory, no less frequently than once every ten (10) years. The proposed amendment appears in ATTACHMENT A.

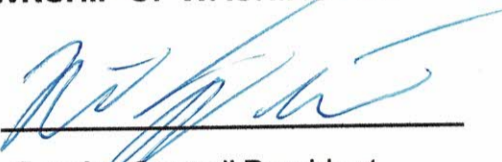
All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Washington heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council, or twenty (20) days following signature by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

INTRODUCTION:

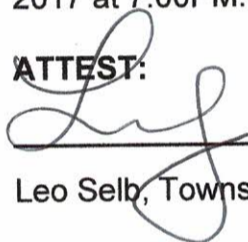
	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato			X				
Longfellow		X	X				
Pasqualone						X	
Perry	X		X				
Fazzio			X				

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

BY:   
**Nick Fazzio**, Council President

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 26-2017 was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on August 23, 2017. A public hearing will occur on September 13, 2017 at 7:00PM.

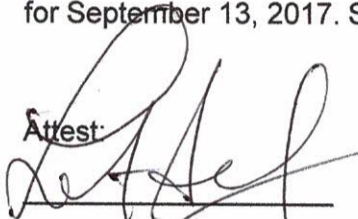
**ATTEST:**

  
Leo Selb, Township Clerk

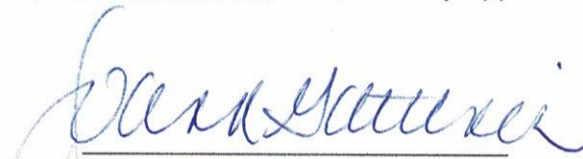
ADOPTION:

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato			X				
Longfellow	X		X				
Pasqualone			X				
Perry			X				
Fazio		X	X				

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 26-2017 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on September 13, 2017 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for September 13, 2017. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

Attest:  
  
 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 2nd day of October 2017, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.

  
 Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR

ATTACHMENT A

§ 2-61. Environmental Commission.

D. Powers of Commission. The Environmental Commission shall have the power to conduct research into the use, and possible use, of the open land areas of the Township and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marsh lands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas and may recommend to the Planning Board, plans and programs for inclusion in a Township Master Plan and the development and use of such areas. **The Environmental Commission shall periodically review, and update as appropriate, the Environmental Resource Inventory, no less frequently than once every ten (10) years.**