

TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2014-241

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FOR MUNICIPAL PLEDGE
OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to an increase of societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increase greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the derogation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, it hereby agrees to undertake the following described measures with regard to Township municipal land use decisions with the intent of making Waterford Township a truly sustainable community. It is the Township's intent to include these principles in the next Master Plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource production, and other ordinances accordingly in accordance with the Master Plan:

Regional Cooperation – The Township pledges to reach out to Administrations of neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices – The Township pledges to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. The Township will evaluate its parking with the goal of creating flexible parking requirements in order to decrease the amount of land dedicated to parking lots, while promoting transportation alternatives to individual automobile use.

Natural Resource Protection – The Township pledges to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, the Township pledges to complete a Natural Resource inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resources management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses – The Township pledges to use its zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for the Township and the region.

Housing Options – The Township pledges, through the use of its zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single-multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people and range of income levels.

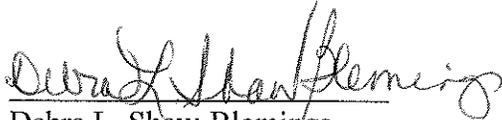
Green Design – The Township pledges to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when it updates the Township's Site Plan and Subdivision Ordinance requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Site – The Township pledges, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bicycle accessibility, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types and open space when locating or relocated municipal facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the Township Planning Board and applicable Township personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: October 8, 2014

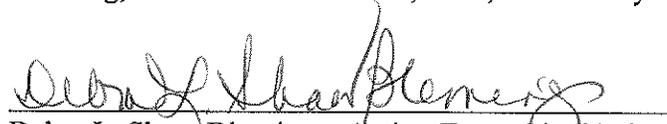

 Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
 Acting Township Clerk


 Maryann Merlino
 Mayor

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YES	X	X		X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT			X		

CERTIFICATION

I, Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk of the Township of Waterford, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee at its Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2014, at the Municipal Building, 2131 Auburn Avenue, Atco, New Jersey.


 Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk