

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP  
ATLANTIC COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 57-2014**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION  
AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN  
NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites: and

**WHEREAS**, The Green Acres Program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years; the State Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres of farmland over the past 30 years; and the Historic Trust has preserved 477 historic sites over the past 45 years; and

**WHEREAS**, All remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 will be fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Weymouth Township has been a direct beneficiary of, and partner to, these critical state preservation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of our communities and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, It is imperative that a long-term, Dedicated source of funding be established in order to:

- sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act
- improve and ensure proper stewardship of parks, preserved lands, and historic sites
- provide equitable access to quality parks and recreation in urban, suburban, and rural areas
- match and leverage local, county, and private funds for these purposes
- protect drinking water supplies, water quality, and alleviate costly flood damages
- preserve fish and wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting and fishing
- revitalize cities and towns
- protect our quality of life and economic prosperity

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2014, by the Township of Weymouth in Atlantic County, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Weymouth Township supports establishment of a long-term, dedicated source of state funding for these purposes.
2. A certified copy of this resolution be served upon Governor Chris Christie, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Bob Andrezejczak, Freeholders of Atlantic County NJ, Keep it Green, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth R. Haeser, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is an exact copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted by the Weymouth Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body which was held on October 1, 2014.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC  
Weymouth Township Clerk

Date: October 1, 2014