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RESOLUTION #271

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WHEREAS, by reason of the voters' approval of a County Public Question on the November 5, 1996 general election ballot, the County of Burlington is authorized by section 3 of P.L. 1997, c. 24, (codified at N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3), to levy a tax not exceeding two cents per one hundred dollars of equalized valuation to be used for the purposes allowed by said law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Tax should be effective and imposed as of January 1, 1997; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, that:

1. Pursuant to P.L. 1997, c.24 (N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq.), the County of Burlington does hereby establish as of January 1, 1997, the Burlington County Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

2. The funds collected and deposited in the Burlington County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund shall be considered a Dedication by Rider to the County Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 and shall be utilized for the purposes stated above in accordance with the Law.

3. Two certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the State Department of Community Affairs for her approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington, N.J.

Clerk/Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Division of Local Government Services
Betty Gates, Director
By _____ 06/05/97
Duly Appointed Designee Date

APPROVAL of NJSA 40A:4-39 RESOLUTION
Rider Open Space Preservation Trust Fund

ADOPTED May 14, 1997

FREDERICK F. GALDO, CLERK

Land Use

#305

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders is considering the establishment of a comprehensive County program for the acquisition of lands for conservation as open space and a renewed and expanded program for the preservation of farmland, both programs to be funded by a single County-wide two-cent tax levy; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the public sentiment on this proposition the Board may seek to have a question placed on the 1996 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Office of Land Use Planning has drafted two Strategic Plan documents which assess the current states of farmland and open space in Burlington County and discuss objectives and policies for preserving farmland and open space as well as administration of programs to accomplish these goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in receiving public comment and input on the draft plan documents because, when finalized, they will serve as the foundation for implementation of farmland and open space preservation in Burlington County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of May, 1996, by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the above-described draft documents are accepted and approved by the Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board invites and encourages the public to review said plans and to submit comments to the Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington, N.J.

Frederick F. Galdo
Clerk/Administrator

MARTHA W. BARK

ADOPTED May 22, 1996

FREDERICK F. GALDO, CLERK

#424

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for many years the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has steadfastly supported the preservation, protection and conservation of lands in agricultural use in Burlington County; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also supportive of preserving and conserving critical waterways, environmentally sensitive lands, providing appropriate mechanisms for the management of stormwater, protecting and preserving scenic by-ways and viewsheds and providing recreational sites; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Burlington County's farmland preservation program the Board has preserved more than 6,400 acres of land in Burlington County over the last ten years by limiting said land to agricultural use through the purchase of development easements in accordance with the Agriculture Development and Preservation Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that more efficient and accelerated efforts are needed if farmland is to be protected from expected renewed development pressures and to conserve and preserve environmentally sensitive lands and waterways in the County; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey L. 1989, c. 30, as amended (N.J.S.A. 40:12-16), authorizes counties to raise, by taxation, monies to be used for the purchase of lands or water areas or interests in lands or water areas for conservation as open space or as farmland if the voters of the county have approved such a proposition in a general or special election; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1996, the Board accepted strategic plans for open space and farmland preservation prepared by the County's Office of Land Use Planning and invited public comment thereon, which plans, once finalized, would be used to guide implementation of these programs and the prioritization of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to solicit the voters' sentiments on an annual County levy of up to two cents per $100 equalized valuation for the purpose of raising funds to continue and

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accelerate the County's efforts to conserve and preserve agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive lands and waterways, with the monies raised by the first cent devoted to preserving agricultural lands and the monies raised by the second cent used to preserve additional agricultural lands or preserve other lands as open space, all monies to be expended in accordance with a farmland preservation plan and a park, recreational and open space plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, on this 24th day of July, 1996, that the attached Public Question and Explanatory Statement be filed with the Burlington County Clerk for placement on the November 5, 1996, general election ballot.

Martha W. Bark

MARTHA W. BARK

ADOPTED July 24, 1996

Frederick F. Galdo

FREDERICK F. GALDO, CLERK

RESOLUTION

COUNTY PUBLIC QUESTION

Shall the County of Burlington, for a period not longer than fifteen (15) years, levy not more than two cents ($0.02) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of equalized valuation for the purpose of raising revenue for the acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, for conservation as farmland or open space, with monies raised by the first cent applied to acquisition of farmland and the monies raised by the second cent used for the acquisition of open space and/or farmland?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "YES" response to this question would permit the County to levy up to two cents per $100 equalized valuation (for example, $20 for a house with an equalized assessment of $100,000) annually. An annual levy would be authorized, but not required, for no longer than 15 years. The monies raised by this levy would be used in accordance with a farmland preservation plan to purchase land, or interests in land, so that development of the land would be restricted and the land permanently preserved for agricultural use. The monies would also be used in accordance with an open space plan to purchase land or water areas or interests in land or water areas as a way of preserving ecologically sensitive areas, including wildlife habitats, and areas of scenic, historic or cultural value and providing public outdoor recreational opportunities for Burlington County residents.

ADOPTED _____, 19 ____

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