

TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS

**COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-162

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING CAPE MAY COUNTY FREEHOLDERS TO CONSIDER
SUBMITTING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Cape May County is eligible to receive up to \$900,000.00 for land acquisition and park development for the County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Program by applying for a matching grant offered through NJDEP Green Acres Program; and

WHEREAS, Green Acres matching funding can be used to acquire land for recreation and conservation purposes that will provide opportunity for both physical and visual public access; and

WHEREAS, Green Acres matching grant funds may be used to assist in efforts to complete the Cape May County National Wildlife Refuge, which has only acquired 11,800 acres of the 21,820 acres that congress envisioned necessary to protect wetlands and wildlife resources of international importance; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Cape May County Open Space and Recreation Plan recognizes that the County has an open space deficit of 4,001 acres and is in need of additional public recreational land and open space and therefore, recommends the maintenance and expansion of the existing County Park System, and the continuation of the County's Open Space Preservation Program in conjunction and coordination with other public and private open space preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, ecotourism in Cape May County generates over \$522 million annually; and

WHEREAS, over \$260 million was approved through the last funding round of the "2009 Green Acres Bond Act" for local government open space acquisition and park development projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that this governing body does hereby request the Cape May County Board of Freeholders consider submitting an NJDEP Green Acres Program Local Government Assistance Application for Land Acquisition and Park Development.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Cape May County Board of Freeholders.

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Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Dennis M. Crippen, Deputy Mayor

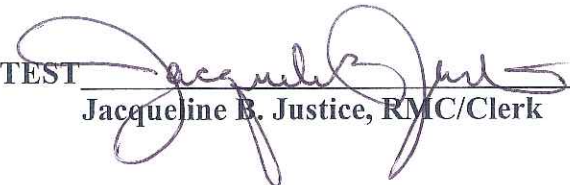
PRESENTED BY: O'CONNOR

SECONDED BY: DiCICCO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES : GLEMBOCKI, DiCICCO, O'CONNOR & CRIPPEN
NAYS :
ABSTAINING:
ABSENT : MURPHY

This is to certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Dennis Township Committee at their regular meeting held on November 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dennis Township Municipal Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ.

ATTEST 
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk