

CITY OF WILDWOOD
Cape May County, New Jersey

RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE 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 Acre matching grant funds may be used to assist in efforts to complete the Cape May 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 Board of Commissioners of the City of Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City of Wildwood requests the Cape May County Freeholders to consider submitting an NJDEP Green Acres Program Local Government Assistance Application for Land Acquisition and Park Development.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County of Cape May Board of Chosen Freeholders.



Peter Byron, Commissioner



Anthony Leonetti, Commissioner



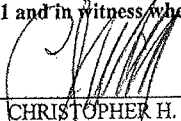
Ernest Troiano, Jr., Mayor

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Offered by: Byron

Seconded by Leonetti

I, Christopher H. Wood, City Clerk for the City of Wildwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Wildwood Board of Commissioners, held the 26th day of October, 2011 and in witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand and official seal on this date written.



CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD, CITY CLERK