

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #20-162

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE
FRIENDS OF HOPEWELL VALLEY OPEN SPACE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell, along with the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey and the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space are co-owners of the property known as the Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain/Fiddlers Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space has submitted an application to the Natural Resource Conservation Service - Environmental Quality Incentive Program to receive grant funding to create and implement a Forest Stewardship Plan; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is approved, the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space would enter into two successive one-year contracts with Natural Resource Conservation Service to hire a forester to prepare the Forest Stewardship Plan and enter into a five-year contract to conduct invasive species control work and to plant native shrubs within the Preserve; and

WHEREAS, any recommendations in the Forest Stewardship Plan will be jointly approved by Mercer County, the State of New Jersey, Hopewell Township and the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space;

WHEREAS, the Township would not be obligated to financially contribute, administer, match or implement the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that all owners submit a letter consenting to the application; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of May, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey:

1. The Township of Hopewell consents to the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space's grant application to the Natural Resource Conservation Service - Environmental Quality Incentive Program;
2. The Township Administrator is authorized to submit a letter acknowledging the Township's consent to the grant application

Date Adopted: May 4, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Deputy Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 4th day of May, 2020, via Zoom Video Communications.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Fenton-Newman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR

Deputy Municipal Clerk