

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

RESOLUTION #21-327

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION AND EFFORTS OF MERCER
COUNTY PARK COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY BASED DEER
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ON THEIR PARKLAND
WITHIN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, The Mercer county Park Commission is applying for a Community Based Deer Management Permit to perform deer culling at Baldpate Mountain and some areas of Mercer Meadows in Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, the current deer density in Hopewell Township is 161 deer per square mile based upon nocturnal spotlight count surveys; and

WHEREAS, regional biologists and ecologists recommend a deer density of 10 – 20 deer per square mile; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission has been managing deer populations at Baldpate Mountain since 1999 and 2011 at Mercer Meadows; and

WHEREAS, the County and Township desire to continue deer management in Hopewell Township in order to reduce the size of the deer population to a manageable level; and

WHEREAS, additional harvest methods and access are needed in addition to traditional hunting to meet the goal of reducing the deer population in the Hopewell Township region; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission is applying to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New Jersey Fish and Game Council for a Community Based Deer Management permit to allow alternative deer management methods in addition to traditional hunting for Baldpate Mountain and Mercer Meadows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hopewell Township supports the application and efforts of Mercer County Park Commission to implement a Community Based Deer Management program on their parkland within Hopewell Township.

Date Adopted: September 13, 2021

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 13th day of September, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk