

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-**

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND ENDORSING MASTER PLAN  
REEXAMINATION REPORT AND AMENDED HOUSING  
MASTER PLAN ELEMENT AND OPEN SPACE, RECREATION  
AND CONSERVATION MASTER PLAN ELEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law (“MLUL”) at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 requires Planning Boards to conduct a general reexamination of their municipality’s master plan and redeveloper regulations at least once every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s last Reexamination Report was enacted nine years ago in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Master Plan includes a Housing Element adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(3), which the Township wishes to amend; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Master Plan includes an Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Element adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(7)-(8), which the Township wishes to amend; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2023, the Planning Board of the Township of Middletown (the “Township”) adopted a new Master Plan Reexamination Report, Amended Housing Master Plan Element, and Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Master Plan Element (collectively, the “Reexamination Report”); and

**WHEREAS**, since the Township’s last Reexamination Report, the Township has designated several areas in need of Redevelopment to help facilitate inclusionary and

other 100% affordable housing projects in suitable areas with access to infrastructure, jobs and public transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** since the Township's last Reexamination Report, in November 2020, the Township's voters supported an open space tax referendum, adding an additional cent to the open space tax assessment to promoted additional open space preservation efforts and increase active recreational opportunities with this revenue having begun to be collected in 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township agrees with the findings, recommendations and objectives outlined in the Planning Board's Reexamination Report and wishes to adopt and endorse the same as promoting smart growth and planning principles that are in the best interests of the public by promoting the most realistic opportunities for the development of affordable housing in suitable locations where infrastructure, jobs and public transportation are readily available while also preserving the Township's few remaining environmentally sensitive open and wooded spaces that are wholly inappropriate for such development and promoting enhanced recreational opportunities where appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Master Plan Reexamination Report & Amended Housing Master Plan Element and Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Master Plan Element dated March 2023 prepared by the Township's Director of Planning, Amy H.

Citrano, PP AICP, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted and endorsed in its entirety.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.