

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2022 - 11.14**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR NJDEP  
STORMWATER UTILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has solicited Expression of Interest in No-Cost Storm Water Utility Consulting and Guidance;

**WHEREAS**, Pennington's municipal storm water system is able to manage historic levels of rainfall, it is not able to manage adequately the storm water that results from recent increases in rainfall and local changes in impervious cover;

**WHEREAS**, Pennington is in the early stages of reviewing the need for a storm water utility and the Borough's Environmental Commission has been tasked by Borough Council to explore the issues;

**WHEREAS**, to date a collaboration with the Watershed Institute has produced an impervious cover analysis, with results that underscore the pervasiveness of storm water issues in the Borough;

**WHEREAS**, the Watershed Institute study has also produced several conceptual designs to address areas with a significant amount of impervious cover;

**WHEREAS**, the extent and frequency of flooding has increased risks to public safety and burdens to homeowners generally, and flooding at the intersection of Route 31 and Delaware Avenue threatening neighboring businesses as well as the implications of developing the site of the former Borough landfill are likely to be challenges of particular prominence in the future;

**WHEREAS**, a storm water utility feasibility study will lay the groundwork for long-term investments in expanding and maintaining storm water infrastructure and for solving current and future storm water issues;

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of Borough Council's agreement with these observations and shared recognition of the need for a storm water utility feasibility study, and in order to meet a November 1, 2022 deadline, the Mayor has sent the attached letter to NJDEP, dated October 31, 2022, expressing the Borough's interest in this opportunity;

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council seeks to adopt and ratify the Mayor's letter and to endorse all steps by the Administration needed to support this application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that application to the NJDEP for available grant funds and no-cost storm water utility consulting and guidance, including the attached letter by the Mayor to NJDEP dated October 31, 2022, is hereby approved and ratified, with the direction that the Administration take all additional steps needed to submit supporting information and obtain application approval.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>	<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>
Angarone					Gross				
Chandler					Marciante				
Gnatt					Stern				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on November 7, 2022.

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Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk