

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE

WHEREAS, sustainable land use is an essential component to the overall growth and betterment of the Borough of Tinton Falls; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls pledges regional cooperation with neighboring municipalities when feasible and affordable in matters of land-use decisions when regional impacts may be observed through land-use decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges better transportation choices through the adoption of a Complete Streets approach, offering access to all modes of transportation and creating connectivity among them, when feasible and affordable. With better transportation choices the Borough has the ability to create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources. Parking requirements are considered with the goal of limiting the amount of required spaces and promoting shared parking between multiple users and integration with multimodal transportation, and consistent with Tinton Falls ordinance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to preserve and protect the natural resources of the state for the environmental, recreational and agricultural value they hold while avoiding and mitigating negative developmental impacts to said resources. As the most densely populated state in the nation, open space is at a premium and natural resource demands are high. In addition to land protection, it is the Borough's goal to promote efficient water use and appropriate reuse and recharge into the local environment as well as efficient use of energy and the encouragement for renewable energy generation and use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to continue to promote a mix of land-use types (e.g. retail and housing options together) to promote walkability and more convenient access to housing, jobs and amenities, thus reducing dependence on automobiles and encouraging the use of alternate modes of transportation while reducing trip length; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations that are affordable to households at a range of income levels. This allows residents and their families to live and work in the municipality throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation by establishing green building policies for municipal, commercial and residential buildings, when feasible and affordable. Green design strategies not only improve the environmental performance and resource use of buildings, but the strategies also lessen the building's environmental impact on the surrounding environment. Such strategies include energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor air quality, increased use of recycled materials in building construction, less construction waste, reduced automobile use, tree conservation and preservation, use of native vegetation and conservation of environmentally sensitive landscape features; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to consider factors such as walkability, bike-ability, access to public transit, proximity to other uses and opportunities for alternative energy sources when siting new or relocating municipal facilities. These municipal actions can set a positive precedent and encourage other public and private sector entities to consider sustainable land use practices when location their own facilities.

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Tinton Falls Borough Council that it pledges to practice sustainable land use when feasible and affordable through policy, practice, and design.

John Manginelli, Council President

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS COUNCIL

Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ms. Buckley						
Mrs. Clay						
Dr. Dobrin						
Mr. Nesci						
Mr. Manginelli						

CERTIFICATION

I, Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Tinton Falls Borough Council at their meeting held February 7, 2023.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Borough of Tinton Falls this 7th day of February 2023.

Michelle Hutchinson
Borough Clerk