

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING
ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDS UNDER
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM TOWARDS
THE NORTH BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY PARK
WALKING TRAIL PAVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in 2005, the 104 acres of land acquired by the Township (formerly known as “Otken Farm”) underwent the first major phase of construction and became known as North Brunswick Community Park (Rochelle Contracting Phase I- \$9,574,732.00); and

WHEREAS, within the park there is an approximately 2.2-mile gravel trail that loops around the perimeter for walking and running; and

WHEREAS, to make this path wheelchair, stroller and pet friendly a recommendation was made to pave a section of the trail; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2021, Assemblyman Danielsen’s office received a request from the Township for financial assistance in funding this project through the Grant-In-Aid Program under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Danielsen’s office has provided notification that the Township will receive \$500,000.00 towards the in North Brunswick Community Park Walking Trail Pavement Project, located at 2051 Route 130 (Block 148, Lot 103); and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to accept said funds with no matching funds required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of November 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick hereby acknowledge the request for funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of the Grant monies between the Township of North Brunswick and the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs facilitated through Assemblyman Danielson’s office under the Grants-In-Aid Program for the October 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 year.

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

Resolution _____

RECORDED VOTE:

| COUNCIL MEMBER | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | NOTES |
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| MEHTA | | | | |
| LOPEZ | | | | |
| GUADAGNINO | | | | |
| ANDREWS | | | | |
| DAVIS | | | | |
| SOCIO | | | | |
| MAYOR WOMACK | | | | |

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of North Brunswick at a meeting duly held on the 15th day of November 2021.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk



To: Assemblyman Joe Danielson's
From: Justine Progebin, Business Administrator
CC: Ron Gordon, Esq. - Township Attorney
Francis Womack, III - Mayor
Wayne Deboski, Assemblyman Joe Danielson's Office

Re: **Assemblyman Danielson – 2021 Grant Funding Request**
Deadline: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The Township can't thank you enough for assisting municipalities with financial assistance for projects. Below are a few projects in need of matching funds to get them over the finish line. We listed more than one for you to review and consider based on how you would best like to see funds spent.

Request for Consideration 1 - Agriculture & Rural Parkland Development

North Brunswick Community Park – pavement of walking trail project \$500,000 – 1 Year Construction

The 100 acres of land was acquired by the Township approximately 20-years ago and underwent the first major phase of construction about 15-years ago. There is still much potential this park can offer with some additional improvements.

Within the park there is a 2.2 mile moderately trafficked loop trail. This is primarily used for walking and running and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash. By paving the gravel path, the trail would then be available to serve the greater community population, by now being Stroller friendly, Wheelchair friendly and Kid friendly.



Request for Consideration 2 - Agriculture & Rural Parkland Development

North Brunswick Pulda Farm 76 acres – New Pavilion with electricity - \$800,000 – 1 Year Construction

The Township acquired the Pulda Farm, the last remaining farm in the township's 12-square miles, in 2010. The farmstead includes a mid-to-late 18th-century house, in a good state of preservation along with barns and other outbuildings as well as a preserved setting of fields, garden, orchard, and distant woodland. The farm is situated in the rear of the property on Farrington Lake. The history of the house was established through a commission for a professional historian that was funded by the Historical Society and supported by a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

In keeping with the spirit of the farm's history, the Township created a community garden in 2015 and a gravel walking trail loop in 2020. The Township has been working with the Historical Society that has continued to raise funds make this a community attraction for hosting public events and to be available for use by the residents and houses of worship for event planning. There is currently no electricity run past the house in the rear of the property where the Township is seeking to construct a pavilion.



Request Item 3 - Agriculture & Rural Parkland Development

North Brunswick Pulda Farm 76 acres – Farm Campsite \$900,000 – 1 Year Construction

The Township acquired the Pulda Farm, the last remaining farm in the township's 12-square miles, in 2010. The farmstead includes a mid-to-late 18th-century house, in a good state of preservation along with barns and other outbuildings as well as a preserved setting of fields, garden, orchard, and distant woodland. The farm is situated in the rear of the property on Farrington Lake. The history of the house was established through a commission for a professional historian that was funded by the Historical Society and supported by a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

In keeping with the spirit of the farm's history, the Township created a community garden in 2015 and a gravel walking trail in 2020. There is currently no water / sewer or electricity run past the house in the rear of the property where the Township is seeking to construct restrooms to offer historic time period camping, inclusive of friendly wildlife. In addition to restrooms, a fence will need to be constructed around the perimeter to protect the animals from natural predators. This allocation of funds would assist with the first stage of the project.



