

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S GREEN ACRES PROGRAM – SABELLA PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick desires to further the public interest by obtaining total funding in the amount of \$855,730, in the form of a \$641,798 matching grant (75% of total project costs) and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Sabella Park Inclusive Playground at a cost of \$855,729.61 (*total project cost*);

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. Francis Womack III or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$213,932.40 (25% of total project costs);
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser amount and, therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Council does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of the funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

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

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
CHEIDID				
HUTCHINSON				
MEHTA				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
GUADAGNINO				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on February 3, 2025.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk