

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 13-49

**SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND
STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND
AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres Program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years; the State Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres of farmland over the past 30 years; and the Historic Trust has preserved 477 historic sites over the past 45 years; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 will be fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Upper Deerfield Township has been a direct beneficiary of, and partner to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a long-term, dedicated source of funding be established in order to:

- sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act
- improve and ensure proper stewardship of parks, preserved lands, and historic sites
- provide equitable access to quality parks and recreation in urban, suburban, and rural areas
- match and leverage local, county, and private funds for these purposes
- protect drinking water supplies, water quality, and alleviate costly flood damages
- preserve fish and wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting and fishing
- revitalize cities and towns
- protect our quality of life and economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of January, 2013, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Upper Deerfield Township supports establishment of a long-term, dedicated source of state funding for these purposes.
2. A certified copy of this resolution be served upon Governor Chris Christie, Senator Steve Sweeney, Assemblyman John Burzichelli and Assemblywoman Celeste Riley.
3. Freeholders County of Cumberland, NJ Keep It Green, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: Scott Smith

VOTING

James Crilley
 John Daddario
 Bruce T. Peterson
 John T. O'Neill, Sr.
 Scott Smith

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held January 17, 2013.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk