

RESOLUTION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD

TITLE: Supporting the Preservation of Block 7706, Lot 1 in the Borough of Paramus

RESOLUTION #10-268

WHEREAS, thirty-five acres of environmentally sensitive land in the Borough of Paramus, known as Block 7706, Lot 1, which includes freshwater wetlands and forest habitat, is subject to intensive development by a private developer; and

WHEREAS, this site is delineated in the Borough of Paramus 1975 Natural Resources Inventory as an environmentally critical area and is located within a 100 year flood plain; and

WHEREAS, numerous wetlands and waterways exist on or run through the site, including Soldier Hill Brook, a Category One (C-1) waterway, which drains into the Musquapsink Brook which winds through the Borough of Westwood, eventually draining to the Oradell Reservoir, the source of drinking water for a population of over 800,000 people; and

WHEREAS, undeveloped parcels such as this site provide vital flood control, groundwater recharge and native plant and animal habitat, are disappearing in Bergen County where less than four percent of the land remains as preserved open space; and

WHEREAS, development of this site will require the removal of many trees and cause significant large scale soil and plant disruption, and will significantly alter existing storm run-off and may otherwise adversely impact drainage and soil conditions both within the site and to neighboring towns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood are greatly concerned about the potential adverse impact of the proposed development and believe it is in the best interest of the Borough of Westwood, as well as Bergen County, that this site be protected from development and preserved as open space.

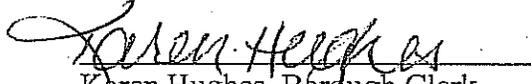
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be adopted as transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paramus, the Planning Board of the Borough of Paramus, Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney, The Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, State Senator Robert M. Gordon, State Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblywoman Joan Voss, Assemblywoman Connie Wagner, Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk, Assemblyman Robert Schroeder, and other elected or appointed officials that may be appropriate, so as to advise them of the concerns of the Borough of Westwood and the position of the Governing Body that all efforts should be made to protect this site from development and here forward preserve the same as Open Space.

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Certified to be a true copy of a
Resolution adopted at the meeting
of October 19, 2010


Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Gréfrath	✓		✓			
Phayre			✓			
Quinn		✓	✓			
Sciara			✓			
Waneck			✓			
Miller			✓			