

RESOLUTION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD

TITLE: Supporting Senate Bill S-54

RESOLUTION #11- 99

WHEREAS, flooding of the various brooks, streams and tributaries within the Pascack Valley Drainage Basin has been, and continues to be, a serious threat to the life, safety, welfare, quality of life and property values within the municipalities, collectively occupying the Pascack Valley Drainage Basin; and

WHEREAS, the long-term solution for these efforts require the commitment of local government officials, corporate stakeholders such as United Water, residents whose properties border streams and tributaries, not-for-profit environmental advocacy organizations such as the Hackensack Riverkeeper and Bergen Swan, as well as other levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Westwood believes that through cooperative flood control and waterway management activities substantial savings may be realized for the tax payers within the several communities through the coordination and timing of drainage remediation activities on a more regionalized basis; and

WHEREAS, by the formation of the Pascack Valley Waterway Management Task Force the participating municipalities, corporate stakeholders, and environmental advocacy organizations have engaged into a cooperative undertaking providing for the implementation of a long range Waterway Management Plan whose goals include the protection of our environmentally sensitive watershed, the quality standards of the public water supply, and the mitigation of flood concerns for our residents;

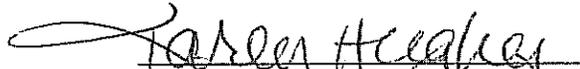
WHEREAS, regular de-snagging and de-silting of our local streams would be an integral component of this plan and would provide significant relief of flooding problems; and

WHEREAS, the permitting process required before de-snagging and de-silting may be undertaken is extremely burdensome and very costly to the local governments involved; and

WHEREAS, relief from some of the requirements of that permitting process would facilitate de-snagging and de-silting operations being undertaken in a more timely and cooperative manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Westwood hereby urges the legislature to enact, and the Governor to approve, S-54 which would relieve some of these regulatory burdens; and shall transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Oliver, Senator Smith, Chairman of the State Environmental & Energy Committee, and Assemblyman McKeon, Chairman of the Assembly Environmental & Solid Waste Committee.

Certified to be a true copy of a
Resolution adopted at the meeting
of the Mayor and Council on
April 19, 2011


Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk

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