

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-241

SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PRE-APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR SNUG HARBOR PARK MINOR DIVERSION

WHEREAS, Block 97, Lot 1 is part of the Borough of Highlands Snug Harbor Park which is encumbered, as a condition of Green Acres funding, with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for stormwater management improvements, it is necessary to remove the Green Acres restrictions from a 0.057 acre portion of Snug Harbor Park; and

WHEREAS, the removal of Green Acres restrictions from parkland requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands wishes to apply for approval for Snug Harbor Park as a minor disposal or diversion of parkland under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the first step in the application process for approval of a minor disposal or diversion of parkland is the filing of a pre-application under N.J.A.C. 7:36- 26.4; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4(d)10, it is necessary for the Borough of Highlands to submit as part of the pre-application a Resolution endorsing the application to divert or dispose of parkland;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Highlands endorses the filing of a pre-application for the Snug Harbor Park minor diversion, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26;
- 2. The Borough of Highlands hereby finds that Snug Harbor Park minor diversion would meet the minimum substantive criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.1(d) by providing a means of stormwater management that will aid in reducing flood impacts within the Borough.
- 3. The Borough of Highlands acknowledges that in order to obtain the approval of Snug Harbor Park minor diversion, all substantive and procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 must be met, including compensation requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.5; and

4. The Borough of Highlands acknowledges that in the event the Department classifies the Snug Harbor Park minor diversion as a major disposal or diversion of parkland, additional application information will be required under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 before the application can proceed.

Motion to Approve R 23-241:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES			Х			
CHELAK			Х			
MELNYK		Χ	Χ			
OLSZEWSKI			Χ			
BROULLON	Χ		Χ			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: December 20, 2023

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk Borough of Highlands