

**RESOLUTION  
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT  
EASEMENT ON BLOCK 2801, LOTS 45 & 49  
THE JOSEPH P. & VICTORIA A. NICHOLS**

**R-66-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Nichols farm originally came in as the Lase Hale farm, which was sold to Joseph and Victoria Nichols, and the Nichols' would like to reserve the farm; and

**WHEREAS**, an amount of \$5,20.00 per acre has been accepted for the development easement on the Nichols' farm (Block 2801, Lots 45 & 49, containing 42 acres) which is contained in Franklin Township's Planning Incentive Grant list of farms; and

**WHEREAS**, to date \$750,000.00 in SADC funding has been approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust and subsequently appropriated by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for the purchase of development easement in Franklin Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township has committed to provide a cost share of up to 20% for the purchase of development easements; and

**WHEREAS**, based on Franklin Township's application, the SADC and the County of Gloucester will provide the remaining 80% of the purchase of development easements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that:

- (1) The purchase of the development easement on Block 2801, Lots 45 & 49 is hereby approved;
- (2) It agrees to commit to funding the purchase of the development easement on Block 2801 Lots 45 & 49 and agrees to fund Franklin Township's portion of up to 20%, estimated to be \$35,600.00;
- (3) It will request the County of Gloucester to increase its share to help address any SADC shortfall, if necessary.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Agricultural Development Board and the State Agricultural Development Committee as requested and required.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

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**BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EDWARD LEOPARDI, MAYOR**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

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**BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK**