

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON
BLOCK 2701, LOTS 17.01 AND 18, THE JANICE TWEED ESTATE NORTH FARM
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WHEREAS, an amount of \$6,600.00 per acre has been accepted for the development easement on the Janice Tweed Estate South farm (Block 2701 Lots 17.01 and 18, containing 56.701 acres) which is contained in Franklin Township's Planning Incentive Grant list of farms; and

- (1) The total cost of the acquisition of the development easement is \$374,226.60.
- (2) There is one existing residence on the property.
- (3) There is no agricultural labor housing on the property.
- (4) There will be no exceptions on the property.
- (5) There are no non-agricultural uses on the property.
- (6) There is currently 0.29% impervious cover on the property.
- (7) There will be a maximum allowance of 7.33% total impervious cover.

WHEREAS, to date \$238,144.20 in SADC funding has been approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust and subsequently appropriated for the purchase of development easements on the Janice Tweed Estate South farm; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The State and the New Jersey Conservation have applied for funding under the Natural Resources Conservation Services – Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), and it is anticipated that the County and Township cost share will be covered by a FRPP grant from one of those applications.

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 2701 Lots 17.01 and 18 (Janice Tweed Estate North farm) is hereby approved;
- (2) It agrees to commit to funding the purchase of the development easement on Block 2701 Lots 17.01 and 18 (Janice Tweed Estate North farm) and agrees to fund Franklin Township's 18.18% portion, estimated to be \$68,041.20;
- (3) It will request the County of Gloucester to provide its equal cost share of 18.18% or \$68,041.20 also.
- (4) The Township's participation in the purchase of the development rights on the property is contingent upon the receipt of the anticipated grant funds through the Natural Resources Conservation Services – Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.

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, February 8, 2011.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

CAROLYN TOY, CLERK

BY: _____
PATRICK DOUGHERTY, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Carolyn Toy, 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, February 8, 2011.

CAROLYN TOY, CLERK