

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-57-21**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON BLOCK 5702, LOTS 17 AND 81
DAVID P. MCALISTER AND LYNN M. MCALISTER FARM**

WHEREAS, an amount of \$6,500.00 per acre has been accepted for the development easement on the David P. McAlister and Lynn M. McAlister farm; Block 5702, Lots 17 and 81; containing approximately 54.503 acres; (hereafter “the Property”) which is contained in Franklin Township’s Planning Incentive Grant list of farms; and

WHEREAS, to date more than \$1,200,000.00 in State 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 easements in Franklin Township through its Municipal Planning Grant Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has committed to provide a cost share of approximately 20% for the purchase of the development easement on the Property cited above; and

WHEREAS, based on Franklin Township’s application, the SADC and the County of Gloucester will provide the remainder of the purchase of the development easement; and

WHEREAS, the SADC certified a value of \$354,269.50 for the development easement on the Property, and has agreed to pay 63.85% of this amount, with the remainder to be split between the Township of Franklin and the County of Gloucester.

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 a development easement on Block 5702, Lots 17 and 81 (the David P. McAlister and Lynn M. McAlister farm) is hereby approved;
- (2) It agrees to commit to funding the purchase of the development easement on Block 5702, Lots 17 and 81 (the David P. McAlister and Lynn M. McAlister farm) and agrees to fund Franklin Township’s portion of 18.075%, for a total of \$64,034.22, through its Municipal Open Space Trust Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Gloucester County Office of Land Preservation and the State Agriculture Development Committee as requested and required.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

BY:_____
John Bruno, 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 23, 2021.

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK