

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-197-22

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MUNICIPAL FARMLAND PRESERVATION EFFORTS
AND GOALS AS INDICATED IN THE 2023 MUNICIPAL “PIG” COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, beginning in 2007, the State Agriculture Development Committee (“SADC”) required the development of a Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan in order for interested municipalities to qualify for local farmland preservation funding through the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (“PIG”) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin undertook the task to develop the Township of Franklin Farmland Preservation Plan (“the Plan”), with said Plan receiving final approval by the SADC in 2010; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Municipal PIG Program, the Township of Franklin was required to submit a Municipal PIG application to the SADC, along with the submission of an annual compliance statement confirming that the Township was, and is, meeting its municipal farmland preservation goals; and

WHEREAS, the SADC has indicated that all annual compliance statements must be accompanied by a resolution from the municipal governing body indicating that said body approves and remains supportive of the municipal farmland preservation efforts and goals as indicated in the Plan and compliance statement: and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 14, 2022, the Franklin Township Agriculture Advisory Committee discussed the annual compliance statement to be submitted by December 15, 2022, and specifically noted the following recent accomplishments:

- a. In 2022 the Township of Franklin completed the process of updating its Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan to ensure the document continues to be an effective component in the planning of future preservation efforts. The 10-Year update was approved by the SADC on May 26, 2022.
- b. Since the establishment of the Farmland Preservation Program, the Township of Franklin has preserved and/or helped to preserve approximately 3,245 acres of municipal farmland.
- c. In the past year the Township of Franklin has assisted in the preservation of one farm, totaling 64 acres (preserved through the Gloucester County Farmland Preservation Program).
- d. A total of 9 properties totaling approximately 449 acres are currently in the preservation process or have indicated their interest in the preservation program and are under evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that said body approves and remains supportive of the municipal farmland preservation efforts and goals as indicated in the updated Franklin Township Farmland Preservation Plan and the Municipal PIG Program.

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 required.

Adopted: November 22, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
D. Deegan						
M. Petsch-Wilson						
H. Flaim						
J. Bruno						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

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 held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk