

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-251-2023**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MUNICIPAL FARMLAND PRESERVATION
EFFORTS AND GOALS AS INDICATED IN THE 2024 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 a Municipal Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan (“the Plan”), with said Plan receiving final approval by the SADC in 2010, and a subsequent update of the Plan receiving approval by the SADC in 2022; 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 goals as indicated in the Plan and compliance statement: and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 13, 2023, the Franklin Township Agriculture Advisory Committee discussed the annual compliance statement to be submitted by December 16, 2023, and specifically noted the following recent accomplishments:

- (a) In October 2023 the Township of Franklin, in cooperation with the SADC and Gloucester Couty, preserved the Graiff Life Enterprises farm and the Philip A. Danko farm through its Municipal PIG Program. The farms are 22-acres and 30.7-acres in size, respectively.
- (b) The Township of Franklin, in cooperation with the SADC and Gloucester Couty, is in the final stages of preserving the Andrew and Thomas Bellone farm and the Catherine and Martin Larose farm through its Municipal PIG Program. The farms are 51.2-acres and 18-acres in size, respectively. It is expected that both properties will be settled in late November 2023.
- (c) The Township of Franklin assisted the County of Gloucester in the preservation of the Nothnick farm, totaling 19 acres (preserved through the Gloucester County Farmland Preservation Program).
- (d) The Township of Franklin is working on additional active applications that could add an additional 155-acres to its permanently preserved farmland totals.

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 28, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
M. Marsh						
J. Keen						
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 28, 2023.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk