

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL FOR
THE PLANNING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and /or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cherry Hill desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of \$450,000 from the State to fund the following project: Planning Incentive, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cherry Hill has been active in the State's Planning Incentive program since FY2003 and to date has received a total of \$2,050,000, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cherry Hill intends to increase the program with an additional \$450,000 as noted above, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Bernard A. Platt or the successor to the office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

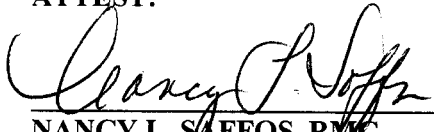
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Council

1. That the Mayor of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known for the Cherry Hill Township Planning Incentive, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project if a match is required in the amount of \$450,000; and,
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 22, 2007

ATTEST:


NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TO: MAYOR PLATT

CC:

**Township Clerk
Township Solicitor
Department of Engineering**

**COUNCIL AGENDA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the attached Enabling Resolution for the Green Acres Planning Incentive Program to receive open space funding.

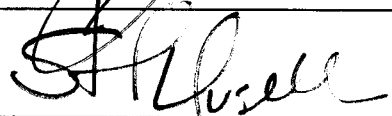
ACTION NEEDED BY: October 22, 2007

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF REQUEST:

Cherry Hill Township is applying for a Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant in the amount of \$450,000. The Township had been active in the State's Planning Incentive program since FY2003, and to date has received \$2,050,000 in grants that have been utilized to purchase open space. The Planning Incentive program provides 50% matching grants to local governments for the acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes. To qualify for this funding the Township was required to develop a Green Acres approved Open Space and Recreation Plan (which has been completed) and an open space tax. The advantage of the Planning Incentive program over the standard Green Acres Trust application is that Cherry Hill may acquire sites in the Open Space and Recreation Plan without having to file separate applications.

The attached Resolution is required by Green Acres for the Planning Incentive Program's subsequent funding years and authorizes the Mayor to certify this request and submit it to the State.

INITIATED BY: _____ **DATE:** 10/3/07

APPROVED BY:  **DATE:** 10.3.07
Steven T. Musilli, Director of Engineering

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
Bernard A. Platt, Mayor