

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE #16-10

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE KNOWN AS THE HIGGINS PROPERTY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 THEREFORE CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM GREEN ACRES MUNICIPAL GRANT AND THE HUNTERDON COUNTY GRANT AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell (the "Township") wishes to participate with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation ("NJCF") in the acquisition and preservation of approximately 152 acres of land designated as Block 35, Lots 10, 12, and 60 on the Township Tax Map, located on North Hill Road, and commonly referred to as the Higgins Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been approved for a \$310,000 Green Acres Municipal Grant Award and a \$440,000 Hunterdon County Grant Award to fund its participation in the acquisition of the Higgins Property; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 16-07, the Township Committee authorized the Township's participation in the acquisition of the Higgins Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township shall be required to pay soft costs in the amount of \$20,000, which shall later be reimbursed through its Green Acres Municipal Grant Award and by NJCF; and

WHEREAS, although the Township shall be required to pay \$20,000 of municipal funds for soft costs, such funds will be reimbursed and; therefore, no Township taxpayer monies shall be utilized for this purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The acquisition described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Township of East Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$750,000 constituting moneys received or expected to be received by the Township from Green Acres Municipal Grant and Hunterdon County Grant Award as a grant-in-aid of financing said acquisition.

Section 2. The acquisition hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance is the acquisition of Open Space known as the Higgins Property in and by the Township.

Section 3. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital

budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final passage as provided by law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

Take notice that the above ordinance was duly passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee held on November 10, 2016, and will be considered for final adoption on second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Committee to be held on December 8, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

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By Order of the Township Committee,

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk