

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
AMENDMENT OF THE MILLSTONE  
TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN OPEN  
SPACE, RECREATION, CONSERVATION  
AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
PLAN ELEMENT

RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et. seq. provides local Planning Boards with jurisdiction to prepare, adopt and amend a Master Plan or the component parts thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone Master Plan was adopted on November 13, 2002 which Master Plan includes an "Open Space, Recreation, Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan" (Section XIII) which originally was adopted on March 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a "Bridle Path Network Plan" was added as part of the 2002 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 authorizes the Planning Board to include within the Master Plan an Open Space, Recreation, Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for conservation and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Millstone Township is committed to preserving open spaces, farms and natural features which commitment has resulted in the preservation of significant portions of the Township's

rural landscape including streams, rivers, farms and woodlands;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan contains the following "Statement of Principle" regarding the Township's Open Space and Farmland Preservation Programs:

"Open Space and Farmland are essential to maintaining a healthy environment controlling urban sprawl and preserving the rural character of Millstone Township and its natural and cultural resources. The Township is uniquely located and serves as the origin for one-quarter of New Jersey's twenty watershed areas. A Township network of permanently preserved open space and farmland is needed to provide public recreation to maintain bio-diversity, to protect water quality and to control flooding and to conserve the community's significant scenic cultural and natural features" (Pg.XIII-46); and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the adoption of the 2002 Master Plan by Millstone Township, the "Crosswicks Creek/Doctors Creek Watershed Greenway Plan" was prepared by a planning group of six (6) Municipalities including Millstone Township, Allentown Borough, Hamilton Township, Plumstead Township, Upper Freehold Township and Washington Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Crosswicks Creek/Doctors Creek Watershed Greenway Plan" focuses on three (3) primary objectives, the protection of water quality, the preservation of historic vistas and sites and the development of a system of trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the April 2004 "Crosswicks Creek/Doctors Creek Watershed Greenway Plan" presents the Township's planning efforts within a regional context which adds to the understanding of the importance of the Township's efforts to create a greenway network within its boundaries and provides information regarding characteristics of the watershed area and recommendations for implementation techniques that complement and reinforce the recommendations contained within the Millstone Township Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board finds that it is appropriate that the April 2004 "Crosswicks Creek/Doctors Creek Watershed Greenway Plan" be formally adopted by reference to be part of the "Open Space, Recreation Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element" of the Millstone Township Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board having given public notice in accordance with the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law that a public hearing would be conducted on January 9, 2008 to consider the adoption of an amendment to the "Open Space, Recreation Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element" as aforesaid; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the adoption of the Amendment to the "Open Space, Recreation Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element" was held on January 9, 2008, due notice of said hearing having been provided in accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Municipal Land Use Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board having determined that the Township of Millstone would be best served by the adoption of this Master Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Board voted to approve the Amendment to the "Open Space, Recreation Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Board of the Township of Millstone does hereby adopt the amendment to the "Open Space, Recreation Conservation and Farmland Preservation Plan Element" attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Amendment shall take effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Public Notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of this Municipality as required within law within ten (10) days of the date of this adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Notice of this action with a copy of the Amendment to the Master Plan shall be provided to the Monmouth County Planning Board by personal service or by certified mail not more than thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

OFFERED BY: Pado

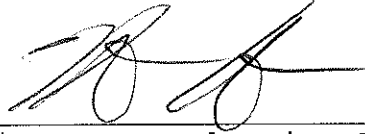
SECONDED BY: Pinney

ROLL CALL: Pado, Pinney, Blanco, Grbelja, Kurzman, Pepe, Sico,  
Newman, Beck

YES: 9  
NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

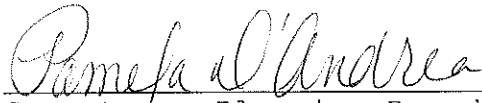
ABSENT: 0



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Chairperson, Planning Board  
Township of Millstone

I certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution passed by the Planning Board of the Township of Millstone at its meeting held on January 9, 2008.



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Secretary, Planning Board  
Township of Millstone