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Date: May 27, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Agenda: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2025, AS AUTHORIZED BY N.J.S.A.
40:12-15.3(b).

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

REVIEWED BY:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Official Resolution#	
Meeting Date	5/27/2025
Introduced Date	5/21/2025
Adopted Date	
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Planning and Economic Development
COMMITTEE NAME

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic (hereafter “Board”) created an Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program (hereafter “Program”) in conformity with the will of the voters in the 1996 election, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.2; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and goals of the above is to achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, whose protection will preserve and enhance New Jersey’s natural environment and its historic, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the mandates of the Program, the said Board did approve and appoint an Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee (hereafter “the Committee”) to study the open space issue and make recommendations concerning the distribution of funds to worthy applicants; and

WHEREAS, numerous municipalities and non-profit organizations submitted grant applications for funding under the 2025 Program rounding of funding; and

WHEREAS, since the recommended award for the below-proposed projects exceed one hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00) dollars each, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(b) maintains that a public hearing be heard at least thirty (30) days advance notice before the date of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed these grant proposals and has made recommendations for awards requiring a public hearing totaling two million five hundred forty seven thousand four hundred and 00/100 (\$2,547,400.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board to make the following awards after a public hearing is scheduled pursuant to statutory requirements:

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Organization Project Name Recommendation

Borough of Bloomingdale	Delazier Field Bathroom and Backstop	\$ 180,000.00
City of Clifton	Washington Park Playground	\$ 200,000.00
Borough of Hawthorne	Wagaraw Field Bleacher Replacement	\$ 125,000.00
Township of Little Falls	Amity Park Playground	\$ 198,500.00
Borough of North Haledon	High Mountain School Playground Rehabilitation Phase III	\$ 235,400.00
Borough of Prospect Park	Hofstra Park Shelter Project	\$ 198,500.00
Township of Ringwood	Stonetown Recreation Complex Playground	\$ 155,000.00
Borough of Totowa	Kennedy Park Playground Rehabilitation	\$ 225,000.00
Borough of Wanaque	Laurie Field Improvements Phase II	\$ 205,000.00
Township of Wayne	Community Center Sports Courts Renovations	\$ 250,000.00
Wayne Little League	Dotterweich D3 Turf Field Project	\$ 100,000.00
Wayne Police Athletic League	Bleacher Replacement	\$ 100,000.00
Borough of Woodland Park	Tennis Court Rehabilitation	\$ 225,000.00

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

Borough of Pompton Lakes	Pompton Lakes Library Exterior and Interior Restoration	\$ 150,000.00
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SUBTOTAL \$2,547,400.00

WHEREAS, the Board requires an express condition that all municipalities receiving these funds must agree to place in their tax letter an insert that indicates that they received funds from the Program sponsored by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the matter was discussed at the May 15, 2025, meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, where all the recommended grant awards for 2025 were presented in accordance with the Committee’s recommendations from their May 14, 2025, meeting and are being recommended to the Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, after the statutory requirements of a public hearing are satisfied, certification of funds shall be made indicating that funds are available for the within contemplated expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(b), the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic hereby authorizes the Clerk to the Board to publish in a newspaper of local circulation notice of a public hearing for public comments on the

recommendations of awards as set forth above; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that as an express condition, all municipalities receiving funds must agree to place in their tax letter an insert that indicates that they received funds from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall take place on July 15, 2025 at the County of Passaic Administration Building at 5:30 P.M., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(b) regarding the following possible 2025 Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund award expenditures:

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