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Date: May 13, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Agenda: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL & HISTORIC AFFAIRS TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM, FOR THE WEASEL BROOK PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, ET SEQ.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:  
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC AFFAIRS

REVIEWED BY:

Matthew P. Jordan, Esq.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Official Resolution#	
Meeting Date	5/13/2025
Introduced Date	5/2/2025
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Public Works

COMMITTEE NAME

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Passaic (hereafter “County”) is a government body incorporated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:18-1, et seq. and vested with all rights contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1 the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic (hereafter “Board”) is vested with managing the property, finances, and affairs of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), 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 County desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant from the State to fund the project #1600-25-031 Weasel Brook Park Playground Replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been informed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that the NJDEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust (“GSPT”) have approved Passaic County’s application for a Green Acres matching grant of eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, this matter was at discussed at the April 30, 2025 meeting of the Public Works Committee, and is being recommended to the Board for approval; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic hereby authorizes Kelly C. Ruffel, the Director of the Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs, to:

1. Accept a matching grant of eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00) for the Weasel Brook Park Playground Replacement in the City of Paterson for the FY25;
2. Provide additional application information as the case may be; furnish such documents as may be required; and
3. Act as the authorized correspondent for the County of Passaic

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the Weasel Brook Park Playground Replacement Project, project #1600-25-031.

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

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board, County Counsel, Director of Cultural & Historic Affairs, and the Director of the Board are authorized to take any other steps necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

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May 13, 2025