

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2021 – 230 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF HABITAT MODIFICATION FOR GEESE/NPS POLLUTION GRANT FUNDING: PLAN CONFORMANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS phosphorus loading and other sources of Non-Point Source (NPS) pollution are a significant problem at Greenwood Lake due to the lack of riparian buffers, and

WHEREAS, restoring shorelines with native vegetation, a riparian buffer, mitigates NPS pollution; and

WHEREAS, revegetating and restoring shorelines promotes biodiversity and protects aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, restoring shorelines protects watersheds, and

WHEREAS, revegetating and restoring shorelines improves water quality; and

WHEREAS, revegetating and restoring shorelines deters Canada geese from coming ashore in areas frequented by humans, including but not limited to marinas, restaurants, and condominiums; and

WHEREAS similar projects in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and other local watersheds have documented improved water quality and have deterred geese by restoring the riparian buffers; and the Philadelphia Water Department has developed a successful model (“Green City Clean Water”) that other regions have adapted, that includes riparian buffers as a major green tool to meet federal drinking water regulations and goals; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford plans to hold community meetings to provide education; to develop educational materials; and to develop a riparian buffer planting model along the lakefront with the condominium’s approval; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Highlands Council has grant monies available that may be used to assist the Township in Greenwood Lake, West Milford, New Jersey: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submission of a Habitat Modification Grant in the amount of \$35,000-\$40,000 to Animal Protection League of New Jersey.

Adopted: June 9, 2021

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2021
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk