

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL PLANNING BOARD
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN
AS PART OF THE CHERRY HILL MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28*, the Planning Board is given the exclusive authority to prepare, adopt and/or amend a Master Plan for the Township and to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption or amendment of the Master Plan or its component parts. Said Master Plan is to be a guide for the use of lands within the Township in a manner which protects the public health and safety and promotes the general welfare. The Cherry Hill Master Plan contains the following elements: land use, housing, circulation, recreation, open space and natural resources, community facilities, utilities, recycling, economic and historic preservation.

WHEREAS, the existing Master Plan for the Township of Cherry Hill was adopted in March 2004 and was subsequently re-examined and amended in February 2007 to make certain changes that would further achieve the original goals or address any significant changes that would occur since the last report and provide recommendations to the Planning Board concerning changes necessary to effectuate redevelopment.

WHEREAS, public notice regarding the amendment to the Master Plan was prepared by the Department of Community Development and duly noticed and published in the official newspapers of the Township consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law, including *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(a)* and 13 and notice was provided to the municipal clerks of the adjoining municipalities and the Camden County Planning Board at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing herein.

WHEREAS, in its report of June 2011, Natalie Barney of the Department of Community Development and David Benedetti, Director of the Department of Community Development examined the existing Open Space and Recreation Plans and submitted the attached report which was marked into evidence as Exhibit A-1. The Plan was prepared in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the New Jersey Green Acres Program and includes an inventory of existing conditions, a discussion of the regional setting, a resource assessment and sets goals, objectives and actions to direct the Township's policies and decision making regarding open space and recreation. Goals, objectives and action items were created after a public input meeting held on January 20, 2010. At said meeting, residents and other stakeholders were asked to re-evaluate the goals set as part of the previous Open Space and Recreation Plan and to identify new goals. The new goals established during that meeting are set forth in Exhibit A-1.

WHEREAS, the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) includes a Resource Assessment, Open Space and Recreation Goals, Public Access Open Space and Recreation Inventory, Needs Analysis and Action Plan.

WHEREAS, Ms. Barney and Mr. Benedetti have both recommended that the Planning Board adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan and that said Plan be made a part of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Element of the Township's Master Plan.

WHEREAS, from the testimony and evidence presented and based upon the entire record, the following findings of facts and conclusions of law were made:

1. All of the findings as above set forth in the "WHEREAS" paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference herein and are accepted by the Planning Board as its findings of facts and conclusions of law.
2. The Planning Board has reviewed the Open Space and Recreation Plan marked as Exhibit A-1 in evidence and has determined that said Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township of Cherry Hill's current Master Plan and that the adoption and implementation of said Plan as an amendment to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Element is in the public interest and is intended to protect the public health and safety and promote the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing findings of facts and conclusions of law, the testimony of all relevant parties and the evidence submitted at the public hearing; **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Township of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, that the Cherry Hill Open Space and Recreation Plan marked as Exhibit A-1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby **ADOPTED** as an amendment to the existing Open Space and Recreation Plan of the Cherry Hill Township Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the report and this Resolution shall be sent to the Camden County Planning Board and a notice that the amendment to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Element of the Master Plan and this Resolution have been prepared and shall be sent to the municipal clerks of each adjoining municipality.

DATED: June 20, 2011

PLANNING BOARD OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

By: _____
DAVID BENEDETTI, PP, AICP
PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Cherry Hill on June 20, 2011.

PLANNING BOARD OF THE
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