WILDLIFE PLEDGE – SUMMARY

Below is the Memo introducing the Wildlife Pledge, including a list of recipient staff.

MEMORANDUM

To: Health Department Staff

Animal Control Officers

Planning Board Zoning Board

Public Works Director

Park Division Superintendent Environmental Commission

Economic Development Commission

From: Dennis M. Green, Director of Health

Date: August 1, 2011

Re: Resolution for Wildlife Action Plan for Sustainable Jersey

We are pleased to inform you that the Town Council has approved a resolution and a pledge approving the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan. This program provides for a plan of action to minimize the public's interaction with certain wildlife.

The goal of the plan is to prevent unwanted interaction with wildlife in the community to prevent health risks and nuisances. To accomplish this goal the plan provides for the education of the public through flyers and other means through the Environmental Division. Specifically, we hope to inform residents on how to properly feed birds and other animals without attracting unwanted wildlife such as squirrels. The Environmental Division will respond to complaints about nuisance animals and birds to provide residents with information and methods to prevent and control unwanted wildlife.

If should have any questions you may contact the Environmental Division at 732-855-0600 ext 5027.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this program.

LIST OF STAFF RECEIVING MEMO:

- Dennis M. Green, Director of Health
- Phil Bujalski, Chief Inspector, Environmental Division
- Vincent Ciuffo Animal Control Supervisor

- Chris Adarnato, Chair, Environmental Commission
- Marta Lefsky, Director of Planning and Development and Director, WEDCO Woodbridge Economic Development Commission
- Raymond Miller, President, Planning Board
- Bernard McLaughlin President, Zoning Board
- Tony Lance, Parks Superintendent
- Dennis Henry, Public Works Director



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

SCOTT THOMPSON, MUNICIPAL ENGINEER; DENNIS HENRY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; BIGNELL ASSOCIATES; REMINGTON AND VERNICK; ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION; PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS; ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSMENT MEMBERS; ANTHONY TORTORELLO, ZONING OFFICIAL; ANIMAL SHLETER

FROM:

MARTA LEFSKY, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND

DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: TOWNSHIP PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR NJ WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

DATE:

7/18/2011

CC:

On July 12, 2011, the Township Council adopted a resolution pledging municipal support for New Jersey's Wildlife Action Plan.

The NJ Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) has been prepared by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife in order to conserve our state's precious wildlife species, restore habitats, and promote public education. The greatest threats to NJ's natural resources include habitat loss, destruction, alteration, and fragmentation.

Please review the Township's Pledge of Support attached and the WAP at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ensp/waphome.htm. We encourage you to identify threatened wildlife in your sphere of work. Please consider how the decisions you make in your department will affect our native Township wildlife. It is more cost-effective to protect species than recover species. When possible and appropriate, please seek to minimize disturbance of critical wildlife populations and their habitats from human activities. Protecting our wildlife resources is all of our responsibility.