

Resolution of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

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TITLE:



RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY FOR SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, Jersey City pledges its support for the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan and its Conservation Goals and Strategies; and

WHEREAS, this pledge strengthens the City's commitment to become a more ecologically sustainable community, with the state-wide goal of incorporating the Wildlife Action Plan's principals into public land management, the new environmental resource inventory, master plan revisions and zoning, and

WHEREAS, Jersey City is approximately 16 square miles in size. It extends across a peninsula which is bounded by the Hudson River and the Upper New York Bay on the East, Kill-Van Kull on the South and by Newark Bay and the Hackensack River on the West; and

WHEREAS, Although Jersey City is the second most populous in the state, a fully developed, former factory and industrial rail HUB, the City has succeeded in protecting large areas of land for recreation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, three of our largest areas are: wetlands controlled by Hackensack Meadowlands Commission for portions of Jersey City's land area within that state run conservation district; Lincoln Park and the new Hackensack Riverfront Park acquisition and wetland restoration of the Marion Greenway Park being undertaken by Hudson County; and the 250 Acre Liberty State Park, of which 100 acres was donated to the State by Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, the City has supported the continued improvement of habitats within these and other natural areas to nurture the populations of mammals, birds, invertebrates, fish, reptiles and amphibians that live in and migrate through these lands and aquatic habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey City Open Space Plan, Master Plan, and various community initiatives strive to link existing open space and implement greenways throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Wildlife Action plan is a comprehensive action agenda for the conservation of native wildlife, the restoration of important lands and water, and public education targeting the needs of rare wildlife in New Jersey;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The City of Jersey City will work to systematically implement the seven principles into public land management, the new Environmental Resource Inventory, subsequent Jersey City Master Plan revisions and zoning accordingly.

1. We will identify imperiled species, critical habitat and unique ecosystems in our Environmental Resource Inventory.
2. Because habitat integrity is critical to healthy biodiversity, when possible and appropriate, we will manage publicly owned lands in accordance with wildlife management actions laid out in the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan and will promote the management of all protected lands to promote biodiversity.
3. We will protect wildlife habitats and maintain connectivity of habitat when formulating an open space acquisition strategy, open space stewardship plans and through the municipal master plan including planning and zoning ordinances.
4. We will seek to minimize disturbance of critical wildlife populations and their habitats from human activities, subsidized predators and invasive species.
5. When possible and appropriate, we will work with neighboring municipalities to implement the aforementioned principles across municipal boundaries.
6. When possible and appropriate, we will strive to monitor and implement appropriate management of municipal easements to ensure native vegetation and wildlife takes precedence over invasive and/or exotic species.

APPROVED: *[Signature]*
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 Business Administrator

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
[Signature]
 Corporation Counsel

Certification Required
 Not Required

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
SOTTOLANO	✓			GAUGHAN	✓			AHMAD	✓		
DONNELLY	✓			FULOP	✓			VELAZQUEZ	✓		
LOPEZ	✓			RICHARDSON	✓			BRENNAN, PRES	✓		

✓ Indicates Vote

N.V.-Not Voting (Abstain)

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City N.J.

[Signature]
 Peter M. Brennan, President of Council

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 Robert Byrne, City Clerk