

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 445**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 118 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 7904 LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 1.02 TO BE PART OF THE MENANTICO CREEK PRESERVE FOR PASSIVE RECREATION**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) is seeking to purchase and preserve for passive recreation and open space, certain land in the City of Vineland consisting of approximately 118 acres of woodland known as Block 7904 Lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02 on the Tax Map of the City of Vineland to be added to the Menantico Creek Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition will be made with Green Acres Funding and the Cumberland Open Space Trust Fund and NJCF has requested the City support the acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds that the acquisition and addition to the Menantico Creek Preserve will benefit all citizens of Vineland and surrounding areas by providing additional open space for outdoor recreation and protect the same for future generations as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a letter supporting the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's acquisition of Block 7904 Lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02 to be added to and to be used in conjunction with the existing Menantico Creek Preserve for the same purpose.

Adopted: September 24, 2024

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President of Council eaa

ATTEST:

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City Clerk kp

September 24, 2024

Rob Ferber  
New Jersey Conservation Foundation  
PO Box 304  
Mullica Hill NJ 08062

RE: Open Space Preservation of Vineland Block 7904, Lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02

Dear Mr. Ferber,

The City of Vineland supports New Jersey Conservation Foundation's (NJCF) effort to purchase and preserve Block 7904, lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02 in the City of Vineland as part of your Menantico Creek Preserve.

It is our understanding that the project will be funded by Green Acres and the Open Space Institute and that NJCF is also requesting funding from Cumberland County's Open Space Trust Fund.

The addition of these 118 acres to the existing Menantico Creek Preserve will benefit all of the citizens of Vineland and surrounding areas by providing additional open space for outdoor recreation, including hunting, fishing and hiking.

Sincerely,

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Anthony R. Fanucci,  
Mayor, City of Vineland