

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2022-12-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A MASTER PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF SAME

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 provides that the governing body of a municipality may provide for a periodic reexamination and update of its master plan and development regulations by the municipal planning board; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 further provides that the planning board, after a public hearing, shall prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of such reexamination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 further provides that the reexamination report shall state:

(a) The major problems and objectives relating to land development in the municipality at the time of adoption of the last re-examination report.

(b) The extent to which such problems and objectives have been reduced or have increased since that date.

(c) The extent to which there have been significant changes in the assumptions, policies and objectives forming the basis for the master plan or development regulations as last revised with particular regard to the density and distribution of population and land uses.

(d) The specific changes recommended for the master plan or development regulations, if any, including underlying objectives, policies and standards or whether a new plan or regulations should be prepared.

(e) The recommendation of the planning board concerning the incorporation of redevelopment plans into the land use plan element of the municipal master plan, and recommended changes, if any, in the local development regulations necessary to effectuate the redevelopment plans of the municipality.

(f) The recommendations of the planning board concerning locations appropriate for the development of public electric vehicle infrastructure.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28.2 (b) 2 includes additional required contents of the land-use element of the master plan including subsections (f) requiring a statement strategy for smart growth, storm resiliency and environmental sustainability, subsection (g) showing the existing and proposed location of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure and subsection (h) a required climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution 2022-1-3, on January 3, 2022, the Mansfield Township Committee appointed the Township professionals for 2022; and

WHEREAS, within said resolution, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. was appointed as Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, Edward Fox, PP, of Environmental Resolutions, Inc., in his prior position with the Burlington County Bridge Commission prepared and/or participated in the preparation of the prior Mansfield Township Master Plans and reexaminations; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2022, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-7-10, authorizing and directing the Planning Board [sitting as a Joint Land Use Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25 (c) (1)] to conduct a reexamination and update of the Township Master Plan and accepted and approved the proposal from the Township Planner, Edward Fox of Environmental Resolutions Inc., to prepare the update and re-examination of the Township Master Plan, subject to approval by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, said Proposal includes a general update of the master plan including eight specific elements as follows:

1. Goals and Objectives element.
2. Conservation plan element.
3. Farmland Preservation plan element.
4. Circulation plan element.

