

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2023-4-11

**RESOLUTION GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR PRESERVATION OF A
PORTION OF BLACK WALNUT FARM, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township of Committee of Mansfield Township is committed to preserving, to the extent possible, farmland within the Township for the benefit of the citizens of Mansfield Township as well as for the County of Burlington and for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board is proceeding with the preservation of Black Walnut Farm, Block 28, Lot 47.01 through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program; and

WHEREAS, the County requests that the Township of Mansfield provide the necessary 15% municipal cost share, estimated to be Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$80,963); and

WHEREAS, the preservation excludes a small portion (approximately three acres +/-) of the farm that is being purchased by Burlington County for regional trail development. This portion of the farm is being purchased outright by the County and is not subject to the 15% municipal cost share; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Mansfield to give final approval on the County's acquisition of development easements for Black Walnut Farm, Block 28, Lot 47.01 through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that Black Walnut Farm is adjacent to Mansfield Park located on Block 28, Lot 35 that is already deed restricted and preserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee does hereby grant final approval for the acquisition of development easements on Black Walnut Farm, Block 28, Lot 47.01 through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield shall provide the required municipal cost share, estimated to be Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$80,963), representing fifteen per cent (15%) of the total cost to acquire the development easements on Black Walnut Farm, Block 28, Lot 47.01 aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that funds are available to pay the municipal cost share authorized by this Resolution.

MOTION: BOYD

SECOND: SISZ

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: BOYD, SISZ, MOJENA

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TALLON, GOLEND

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

I, **LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on April 19, 2023 at the Municipal Complex.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk