

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MOUNT OLIVE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
COUNTY OF MORRIS REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 7801 LOT 6,
A PORTION OF BLOCK 7900 LOT 7, BLOCK 8000 LOTS 2, 6, 7, 14, & 18, AND
BLOCK 8101 LOT 9 AND A PORTION OF LOT 7**

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has carefully continued to negotiate a land purchase of environmentally sensitive areas of the Township involving, block 7801 lot 6, a portion of block 7900 lot 7, block 8000 lots 2, 6, 7,14, & 18 and block 8101 lot 9 and a portion of lot 7; and

WHEREAS, the land to be acquired contains stream corridor of the South Branch Raritan of the Raritan River, sensitive wildlife habitat, and areas suitable to be preserved as open space; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the properties is supported by the Township and other organizations partnering to accomplish this major project known as South Branch Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is required to hold a public hearing and to submit a resolution of support authorizing a non-profit to submit an application to the Morris County Preservation Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is a joint applicant with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to submit an application to the Morris County Preservation Trust; and

WHEREAS, having held the required public hearing and agreeing to continue support of the project using Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funds awarded to the Township of Mount Olive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that it does hereby authorize The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to file an application to the Morris County Preservation Trust for 2009 funding and agrees to partner on this application and participate in the process to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Russell Tepper, Council President

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on

Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk