



“Resolution in Furtherance of Comprehensive Storm & Flood Protection in [Municipality]”

WHEREAS, studies have predicted increased rainfall and flooding, as well as increased major storm incidents in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, these changes will cause a dramatic rise in the number and severity of flooding events in New Jersey unless steps are taken to improve management of floods and storm water, and

WHEREAS, such flooding reduces the quality of life of residents, causes costly property damage and deters economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is statutorily empowered to provide recommendations for improvements to the City’s development regulations, and has exclusive jurisdiction to evaluate and amend the municipal master plan, including its many elements relevant to storm and flood resiliency planning; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy and capacity of drainage infrastructure (both green and grey) within [Municipality] is of vital importance in preventing flooding during heavy rainfall events; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive flood and storm protection planning and flood management development regulations put the City in a better position to obtain storm and drainage related grants and lower cost funding; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality] seeks to become a leader in storm resiliency by initiating an innovative and comprehensive approach to storm protection planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the [Municipality] Planning Board that:

1. The goals and objectives of the Master Plan under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(1) be re-evaluated in light of:
 - a. Risks associated with increases in rainfall, flooding, and related impacts of climate change; and
 - b. Best practices in storm water management and protection against flooding
2. The land use element components set forth at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(2) be reviewed to consider the type, density, and intensity of development in flood

prone areas and in designated flood zones, wetlands and related natural areas; and

3. The utility service plan set forth at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(5) be reviewed to address drainage and flood control facilities, as well as sewer and waste treatment and storm water management that are relevant to storm resiliency planning; and
4. The conservation plan set forth at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(8) be evaluated regarding protections for areas that provide natural storm protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the [Municipality] Planning Board that it hereby recommends that:

1. Design criteria of [Municipality] development regulations be adopted, specifically addressing storm and flood resiliency and helping to reduce stress on the city's wastewater infrastructure, that will promote the goals and objectives expressed in the Master Plan, including, but not limited to, where appropriate, the use of green infrastructure techniques. (See note 1 in addendum for a list of green techniques)
2. The application checklist ordinance be amended to require a "Storm Resiliency Statement" for all site plan and subdivision applications not deemed to be minor under the City's development regulations, and which shall include a detailed analysis of how the application has incorporated the storm and flood resiliency goals of the master plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the [Municipality] Planning Board that it hereby recommends that the City Government and the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Planning Board and any other relevant non-profits and city agencies, explore measures to reduce the amount of drainage entering the sewer system in [Municipality] using a variety of techniques. (See note 2 in the addendum for a list of possible techniques); and,

Recognizing that coordination and collaboration represent an effective process of addressing issues of storm water and sewer overflow, the Planning Board further recommends that there be such collaboration

- a. Among [Municipality] departments, agencies and non-profits regarding planning and capital investments that can advance green infrastructure projects, including the [Municipality] Department of Public Works, its divisions, bureaus and utilities; and
- b. With other municipalities to explore best practices for storm resiliency that will ensure regulatory compliance in a cost-effective manner and with the greatest additional community benefits

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the [Municipality] Planning Board, that it recommends that all sources of funding, whether in the public or private sector, be explored to plan for and implement the storm and flood protection measures described in this resolution in order that the City be considered a prime candidate for all available funding sources. (See note 3 in the addendum for a list of possible funding sources)

ADOPTED _____
(Date)