

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MOUNT OLIVE SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE RARITAN RIVER INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Raritan River is an asset to the region and to Mount Olive Township and it would benefit the community to increase awareness and use of the River via local access points and trails; and

**WHEREAS**, upgrades to current river access points are desirable and the need for ongoing plans for development of future recreational uses are of value to Mount Olive Township; and

**WHEREAS**, protection and preservation of habitat and biodiversity in our river ecosystem will provide recreational and natural assets to Mount Olive Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of restoration, rehabilitation and regeneration of compromised areas of lands in public ownership will benefit present and future residents; and

**WHEREAS**, best management practices for habitat enhancement in the maintenance and management of open space are available when applied would benefits various departments of Mount Olive Township government, and the quality of life to all Mount Olive Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, properties that are deemed brownfields because they are contaminated, abandoned or underutilized, detract from the economic vitality of active businesses, and need attention to be remediated and returned to valued uses; and

**WHEREAS**, storm water runoff is a significant contribution to flooding, solid waste and streets in Mount Olive Township, and further damages the Raritan River, and the Raritan River Action Plan (Reclaiming the Raritan: a restoration and Sustainable Reuse Plan) encourages improvements in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall restoration and protection of the watershed area that provides water to Mount Olive Township residents and the Raritan River should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS**, redevelopment needs to provide economic benefits without further damaging, and ideally restoring, the ecology of the Raritan River and Mount Olive Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that it does hereby support in concept Sustainable Raritan River Initiative and work as an active member of the Raritan River Collaborative to promote efforts to restore and protect the River in accordance with the goals as outlined in the Sustainable Raritan River Action Plan.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

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Alex Roman, Council President

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

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Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk