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Subject: Consideration of League of Municipalities Resolution

Dear Municipal Representative,

On December 5, 2012 the League of Municipalities adopted Resolution 2012-4 "Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Park, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey". President Janice Mironov and the League Officers have made preservation funding a major League legislative goal for 2013. The League drafted a Resolution for your consideration (attached above) you can find it on the League website at this address:

<http://www.njslom.org/resolutions/resolution-league-2012-04-open-space-preservation.doc>

I write to you on behalf of NJ Keep It Green. NJ Keep It Green represents more than **175** statewide, local and regional organizations committed to land conservation, agriculture, historic preservation, environmental protection, urban parks, hunting and fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation, working together to sustain funding for preservation projects.

We are hoping that your elected officials will consider adopting this Resolution. NJ Keep It Green commissioned a survey of 600 registered voters last year and that found 75 percent would support dedicating \$200 million annually for 30 years for open space, farmland and historic preservation. The survey also found that 89 percent of voters believe it is important to protect coastal and inland areas prone to or affected by flooding. If your municipality decides to adopt this Resolution please send a copy to me and I will have you added to the webpage listing municipal adoption:

<http://www.njkeepitgreen.org/endorsements.htm>

Thank you so much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Eileen

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**Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship
of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey**

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years, and the state Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 ; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 were fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the Garden State have been direct beneficiaries of, and partners to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of all our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a sustainable state funding source be established in order to sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *(insert name of municipality,)* hereby expresses support for the establishment of a sustainable state funding source for these purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities *(insert State Senator and Assembly representatives)*, the members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.