

TOWN OF CLINTON  
RESOLUTION # 84-23  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

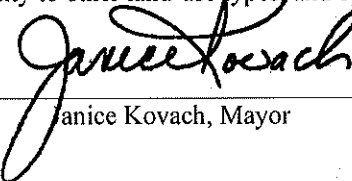
WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to an increase in societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space, and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well-planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and


WHEREAS, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Clinton that the following steps be taken with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Town of Clinton a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

- 1) Regional Cooperation - we pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions and to consider regional impacts when making land-use decisions.
- 2) Transportation Choices - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit, and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking to limit the number of required parking spaces and promote shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives.
- 3) Natural Resource Protection - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational, and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts on these resources. Further, we pledge to update our Natural Resources Inventory before or during each master plan reexamination to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land use, and open space planning.
- 4) Mix of Land Uses - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational, and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.
- 5) Housing Options - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue-generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale, and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.
- 6) Green Design - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.
- 7) Municipal Facilities Siting - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

  
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Janice Kovach, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Town Clerk

DATED: April 26, 2023