

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE 554-24
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO MORRIS COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITE BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Morris County (the “County”) has initiated a project involving the replacement of the White Bridge Road bridge over the Black Brook in Long Hill Township (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP permit for the project requires the County to implement a mitigation plan within the “Mitigation Site” located on Passaic Valley Road (Block 10801, Lot 6.01), which is owned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP permit also requires the recording of a conservation easement describing the restrictions on the use of the Mitigation Site; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the White Bridge Road bridge benefits the Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.4 provides in relevant part that:

“Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when the governing body of a municipality determines that all or part of a tract of land, with or without improvements, owned by the municipality is not then needed for municipal purposes, it may, by ordinance, authorize a private sale and conveyance of the property, or any part thereof, to the county in which it is located, without compliance with any other law governing disposal of lands by municipalities, for a consideration which may be nominal, and containing a limitation that the lands or buildings shall be used only for public purposes of the county, and that if the lands or buildings are not used in accordance with the limitation, title thereto shall revert to the municipality without any entry or reentry made thereon on behalf of the municipality”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1.** The conveyance to Morris County of the conservation easement described in the preamble is hereby authorized.
- Section 2.** The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an easement deed in form acceptable to the Township Attorney and the Township Engineer.
- Section 3.** The consideration for such conveyance shall be One (\$1.00) Dollar.
- Section 4.** The easement shall be used only for conservation purposes as described in the preamble.
- Section 5.** If the lands are not used in accordance with that limitation, title shall revert to the Township of Long Hill without any entry or re-entry made thereon on behalf of the Township.
- Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 will

be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, by a meeting when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. To obtain details of the meeting please refer to Wednesday, November 6, 2024, public agenda, or email municipalclerk@longhillnj.gov.

ATTEST

Megan Phillips, RMC

Guy Piserchia, Mayor

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