



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

County of Passaic
State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 81-13

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Bertollo

Date: May 14, 2013

Resolution Pledging Support of Sustainable Land Use Practices

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne is committed to the continued improvement of our land use practices and planning policies as an essential component of overall sustainability, promoting our social, environmental, and economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to preserve and protect the residential character, the existing density of the community, and to reinforce the Borough's established commercial and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to ensure future development preserves Hawthorne's sensitive environmental features, including steep slopes, wetlands, flood plains, and existing vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pledges to continue to promote the use of mass transit and sustainable transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, this resolution reflects the Borough of Hawthorne's commitment to many practices and policies that promote a more sustainable community through education, community feedback, environmental stewardship, reduced consumption, healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, we are proudly certified as Sustainable Jersey community and will continue our efforts to move toward being an even more sustainable community by re-certifying every three years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Borough of Hawthorne, takes the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Hawthorne a truly sustainable community. The overall principles are currently reflected in the Re-examination of our Master plan dated August 16, 2011 and during the next master plan reexamination report our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances, will be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Regional Cooperation - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			X			
Bertollo	X		X			
L...		X	X			
Matthews			X			
Mele			X			
Sinning			X			
Wojtecki			X			

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Transportation Choices - We pledge to create transportation choices considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

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 to these resources. Further, we pledge to review the Environmental Resource Inventory, Appendix addition to the Borough of Hawthorne Master Plan dated August 16, 2011, and update as necessary during each master plan reexamination.

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.

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.

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.

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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