

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the residents of Hunterdon County have overwhelmingly approved three County Ballot Questions (November 1999, 2004 and 2008) authorizing the Board of Chosen Freeholders to implement and continue an Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan was adopted on June 13, 2000, to provide the Board of Chosen Freeholders with policy guidance, including administrative and cost-effective ways to advance Hunterdon County's open space, farmland and historic preservation goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders have authorized an annual levy not to exceed three cents (\$0.03) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of the total County equalized real property value for each County Question; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders have allocated a percentage of these funds to our Municipal and Nonprofit partners who support and seek to further preservation objectives within Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders sets the open space tax levy and amount to be raised each year and may, at their discretion, determine the appropriate amount or rate to be distributed and allocated for each purpose; and

WHEREAS, at the December 15 and December 29, 2009, Board of Chosen Freeholder meetings, information was presented, reviewed and discussed regarding the current open space funding allocation percentages; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports the preservation efforts of its municipal and nonprofit partners and hereby amends the open space funding allocation as follows:

- 30% Farmland
- 25% Cooperative
- 15% County Preservation
- 15% Nonprofit Grant Program
- 10% Municipal Grant Program
- 5% County Historic Preservation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an attested copy of this resolution, as adopted, shall be sent to all Municipal Mayors and Clerks of Hunterdon County, Nonprofit organizations involved in land preservation in Hunterdon County and the County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

<i>ROLL CALL</i>	<i>MOVED</i>	<i>SECONDED</i>	<i>AYES</i>	<i>NAYS</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<i>William G. Mennen, Director</i>			X			
<i>J. Matthew Holt, Deputy Director</i>	X		X			
<i>George B. Melick, Freeholder</i>			X			
<i>Ronald M. Sworen, Freeholder</i>		X	X			
<i>Robert G. Walton, Freeholder</i>				X		

Adopted February 02, 2010


Denise B. Doolan, CLERK