Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 07/18/16 07:00 PM

2016 RESOLUTION GRANT AGREEMENTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PASSAIC RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOWER PASSIAC RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Natural Resource Restoration ("State"), has established a new grant program available to governmental units for assistance in the restoration of land in the Lower Passaic River Basin and Passaic River Tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the DEP Commissioner and Spill Compensation Fund Administrator sued to recover costs and damages the state incurred as a result of historic discharges of hazardous substances into the Passaic River, Passaic Tributaries and the Newark Bay Complex; and

WHEREAS, restoration grants are awarded on a competitive basis to encourage local projects that provide public access and enjoyment and/or substantial ecological restoration; and
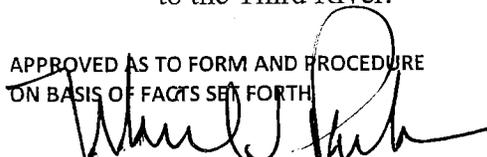
WHEREAS, litigants settled and transferred earlier this year $67 million into a DEP trust fund intended to address lost human use services, impacts to land and water quality and recreational access; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Township desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant not to exceed $3,000,000.00 from the State to fund the following project:

Lions Gate Park Wetlands Creation

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Township anticipates utilizing funds prospectively awarded under this program to expand the wetlands creation project previously approved by the DEP Freshwater Wetlands Mitigation Council, and to provide enhanced environmental benefits and public access to the Third River.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

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NOW THEREFORE, the Bloomfield Township Council resolves that Matthew U. Watkins, Township Administrator, or the successor to the office of Matthew U. Watkins, Township Administrator, is hereby authorized to:

(a) make application for such a grant;
(b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required;
(c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Passaic River Natural Resource Restoration Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Township is not required to provide match funding for this program; and
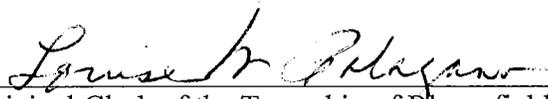
WHEREAS, Bloomfield Township is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project.

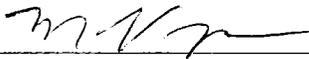NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

1.   The Township Administrator of the above-named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State under the Passaic River   Natural Resource Restoration Program, and;

3.   The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project; and

5.   This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on July 18, 2016.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Adopt						
☐ Deny						
☐ Withdrawn	Elias N. Chalet		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Not Discussed	Carlos Bernard		☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ First Reading	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table with no Vote	Joseph Lopez		☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ Approve	Carlos Pomares		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Veto by Mayor	Michael J. Venezia		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion						
☐ Defeated						
☐ Discussion No Vote						