



PASCACK VALLEY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

Emerson
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Montvale
Old Tappan
Oradell
Park Ridge
River Vale
Washington Township
Westwood
Woodcliff Lake

PASCACK VALLEY MAYORS ASSOCIATION
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION
DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2018

RE: CREATION OF ORADELL RESERVOIR REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, during Calendar Year 2015, the idea of creating a regional park around the Oradell Reservoir was first considered by Emerson Mayor Louis J. Lamatina and Borough Administrator Robert S. Hoffmann; and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Reservoir touches the municipalities of Closter, Emerson, Harrington Park, Haworth, Oradell and River Vale; and

WHEREAS, elected officials in the municipalities noted above were contacted and unanimously agreed with the concept of regional recreational asset; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Bergen County, Suez Water, as well as the Hackensack River Keeper Captain Bill Sheehan were also contacted and participated in discussions on the creation of walking and bike paths, kayaking, canoeing and sailing classes for municipal summer camps; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 representatives of both the Department of transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection were contacted to discuss grant funding for the creation of a regional park; and

WHEREAS, both of these departments confirmed that grant funding would be available for the design and construction of trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and non-motorized transportation users; and

WHEREAS, grant funding would also be available from the Bergen County Open Space Program for the creation of this regional park; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that the creation of this regional park will mirror to some degree the procedures, efforts and accomplishments of our sister municipalities in the Pascack Valley who are in the process of creating a regional park around Woodcliff Lake Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, depending on the number of access points allowed and terrain variation, an approximate 16.2 mile walking and bicycle path is envisioned; and

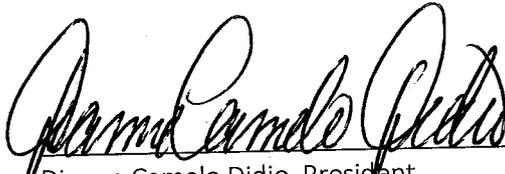
WHEREAS, the creation of this regional park will enhance the recreational and healthy lifestyle opportunities for residents of Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of sustainable recreational park assets such as Westvale Park, the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir Park and Franklin Lakes Preserve enhance property values and boosts the local economy; and

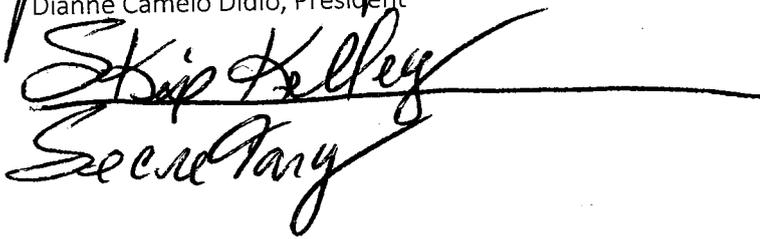
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Mayors' Association endorses the creation of a regional park at the Oradell Reservoir; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Mayors' Association asks that their counterparts in the Northern Valley take action to support this initiative; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Bergen, as well as all State elected officials who represent the Pascack and Northern Valleys.



Dianne Camelo Didio, President



Secretary