

RESOLUTION

**APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GRACIE & HARRIGAN
CONSULTING FORESTERS, INC., FOR REVIEW AND
FACILITATION OF FOREST STEWARDSHIP, NTE \$8,000**

WHEREAS, there is a need to review & facilitate Forest Stewardship practices for the Township's Open Space, and;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Open Space Committee that Gracie & Harrigan Consulting Foresters, Inc. has the experience and expertise to review & facilitate Forest Stewardship for the Township's Open Space, and does hereby recommend Gracie & Harrigan Consulting Foresters, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for baseline Vegetation Map work and a comprehensive study of each preserve. Property assessment would include Marookian/Kaufelt Preserve, Hackett's Preserve, Bray's Hill Preserve and Prostak Farm, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Gracie & Harrigan Consulting Foresters, Inc is hereby contracted effective on or about April 13, 2022, with a total cost not to exceed \$8,000.

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Township Clerk

Brian Mullay, Mayor

Adopted: April 13, 2022

RESOLUTION # _____

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CLINTON TOWNSHIP'S
2022-2023 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, as part of a comprehensive deer management plan and for the purpose of reducing Clinton Township's white-tailed deer population, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton amended Chapter 198, "Parks, Recreation Areas and Open Space" of the Code of the Township of Clinton ("Code") to allow limited hunting on Township-owned parks and open spaces for the purpose of culling white-tailed deer only (see Ordinance No. 1127-18 adopted on December 12, 2018 and Ordinance No. 1133-19 adopted on August 7, 2019); and

WHEREAS, section 198-27C of the Code authorizes the Mayor and Council to designate annually by resolution which parks and open spaces will be made available for hunting through the Township's municipal deer management program and during which dates, to establish limits on the number of permits to be issued for each property, and to establish any conditions or requirements as shall be necessary for public safety or for the efficacy of the program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton on this 13th day of April, 2022, as follows:

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.

2. Pursuant to section 198-27C of the Code of the Township of Clinton ("Code"), the hunting of white-tailed deer will be allowed beginning on or about September 10, 2022 and ending on or about February 18, 2023 on the properties listed below and subject to all applicable State hunting regulations, the restrictions and conditions set forth in Chapter 198, Article VIII of the Code (even if not repeated herein), all other restrictions and conditions contained in the Code, and the regulations and conditions set forth herein:

Windy Acres (Areas "B": bow only; areas "B/G": bow, firearm, and muzzleloader)

Tax map designation: Block 7, Lots 31.01, 31.02 and 18.03

Location: 200, 220 and 234 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ (±291 acres)

Seasons: The areas denoted as areas "B" on the map attached hereto shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023, and no hunting shall be allowed in areas B during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

The areas denoted as areas "B/G" on the map attached hereto shall be open during the fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm and permit shotgun seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023

Permits: No more than five municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting shall only take place only in areas “B” and “B/G” on the attached map. Areas B shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons. Areas B/G shall be open during all seasons.

Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

Prostak East

Tax map designation: Block 19, Lot 28

Location: 1080 Stanton-Lebanon Road, Lebanon, NJ (±75 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm, and permit shotgun.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

Prostak West

Tax map designation: Block 25, Lot 10

Location: 1081 Stanton-Lebanon Road, Lebanon, NJ (±84 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm, and permit shotgun.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

Hacketts Preserve

Tax map designation: Block 63, Lots 2 and 3.14

Location: 153 Annandale-High Bridge Road (accessed via Sunrise Circle), Annandale, NJ (±80 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open to bow and firearm hunting during all regular deer hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 8 for 2022-2023, including fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm, and permit shotgun.

Permits: No more than three municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

Bray's Hill (Area 1: bow, firearm, and muzzleloader; area 2: bow only)

Tax map designation: Block 30, Lot 19

Location: 13 Sand Hill Road, Annandale, NJ (±93 acres)

Seasons: The area denoted as area "1" on the map attached hereto shall be open during the fall bow, permit bow, winter bow, permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm and permit shotgun seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023.

The area denoted as area "2" on the map attached hereto shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023, and no hunting shall be allowed in Area 2 during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

Permits: No more than one municipal deer management permit shall be issued for this property. This permit is site specific and non-transferable. Permittee shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting shall take place only in areas 1 and 2 on the attached map. Area 1 shall be open during all seasons. Area 2 shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons.

Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

Each hunter is requested to actively hunt at least 2 of the above deer seasons and assist with the harvest goals of Clinton Township.

No hunting shall take place until the permittee has posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

White Cloud (bow only)

Tax map designation: Block 88, Lot 3.02

Location: 1257 State Highway 31 Lebanon, NJ (±29 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 12 for 2022-2023. No hunting shall be allowed during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

Permits: No more than one municipal deer management permit shall be issued for this property. This permit is site specific and non-transferable. Permittee shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which he/she has been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting shall only take place in Area 1 on the attached map.

Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

Each hunter is requested to actively hunt at least 2 of the above deer seasons and assist with the harvest goals of Clinton Township.

No hunting shall take place until the permittee has posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

Marookian (bow only)

Tax map designation: Block 82, Lot 4 and 4.03

Location: 108 Allerton Road and 13 Cedar Grove Road, Annandale, NJ
(±133 acres)

Seasons: This property shall be open only during the fall bow, permit bow, and winter bow hunting seasons established by the State of New Jersey for Deer Management Zone 10 for 2022-2023. No hunting shall be allowed during the permit muzzleloader, six-day firearm or permit shotgun seasons.

Permits: No more than two municipal deer management permits shall be issued for this property. These permits are site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.

Restrictions: Hunting shall only take place in areas 1 and 2 on the attached map.

Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day is strictly prohibited.

Each hunter must harvest at least two antlerless deer for every antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.

Each hunter is requested to actively hunt at least 2 of the above deer seasons and assist with the harvest goals of Clinton Township.

No hunting shall take place until the permittee has posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

3. General limitations:

- a. Except as otherwise set forth, hunting shall be allowed only during the dates designated by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife for the applicable seasons listed above. The specific dates shall be set forth on each permit. Any dates set forth on the permits notwithstanding, the Township may make it a condition of any permit that hunting not take place on certain days as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.

- b. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; hunting, shooting or killing any other game is strictly prohibited.
- c. Baiting shall be allowed only from automatic feeders with a maximum capacity of thirty gallons.
- d. Hunting shall take place only from commercially manufactured elevated tree stands.
- e. Ground blinds are prohibited.
- f. Deer drives are prohibited.
- g. Target practice is prohibited (discharging a crossbow into a portable discharge target prior to transport shall not be considered target practice).
- h. Field dressing shall be allowed but must take place away from trails and property lines.
- i. All hunters shall be required to participate in a hunter orientation and safety course conducted by the Clinton Township Police Department.
- j. Each hunting team is urged to target a minimum harvest of ten deer. The number of deer taken will be a factor considered in determining eligibility to participate in future Township management programs.
- k. Hunters are allowed to retain any harvested deer for their personal use. To encourage hunters to harvest as many deer as possible, however, the Township shall reimburse the hunters for the direct processing costs of any deer donated to Hunters Helping the Hungry, subject to an aggregate limit of \$10,000.00.
- l. All permits shall be site specific and non-transferable. Permittees shall be authorized to hunt only on the property for which they have been issued a permit and shall be responsible for knowing the property lines and safety zone requirements for that property.
- m. Hunting on Sundays and Christmas Day shall be strictly prohibited.
- n. Each hunter must harvest a minimum of two antlerless deer for each antlered buck that is harvested. This restriction shall apply in each individual season listed above.
- o. No hunting shall take place until the permittees have posted warning signs and no-hunting signs along the property boundaries and the Township has posted warning signs at all public entries into the property.

4. The Township Clerk shall cause a press release and a legal notice in a form approved by the Township Attorney notifying the public of the above designated dates and locations to be published on the Township's website and in the Township's officially-designated

newspapers as well as such others newspaper or newspapers as may be deemed advisable to publicize the above-referenced dates and locations as widely as possible.

5. The Township reserves the right to modify the conditions and restrictions set forth above *at any time, including after issuance of 2022-2023 permits*, in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

6. Permittees shall be required to comply with all of the requirements set forth in Chapter 198, Article VIII of the Code even if not specifically restated herein, as well as all other provisions of the Code. Violation of any of the rules and regulations set forth herein or in the Township Code shall be grounds for the immediate revocation of hunting privileges.

7. In the event of a conflict between the conditions and requirements set forth herein and any conditions or requirement set forth in Chapter 198 or elsewhere in the Code, the Code shall supersede.

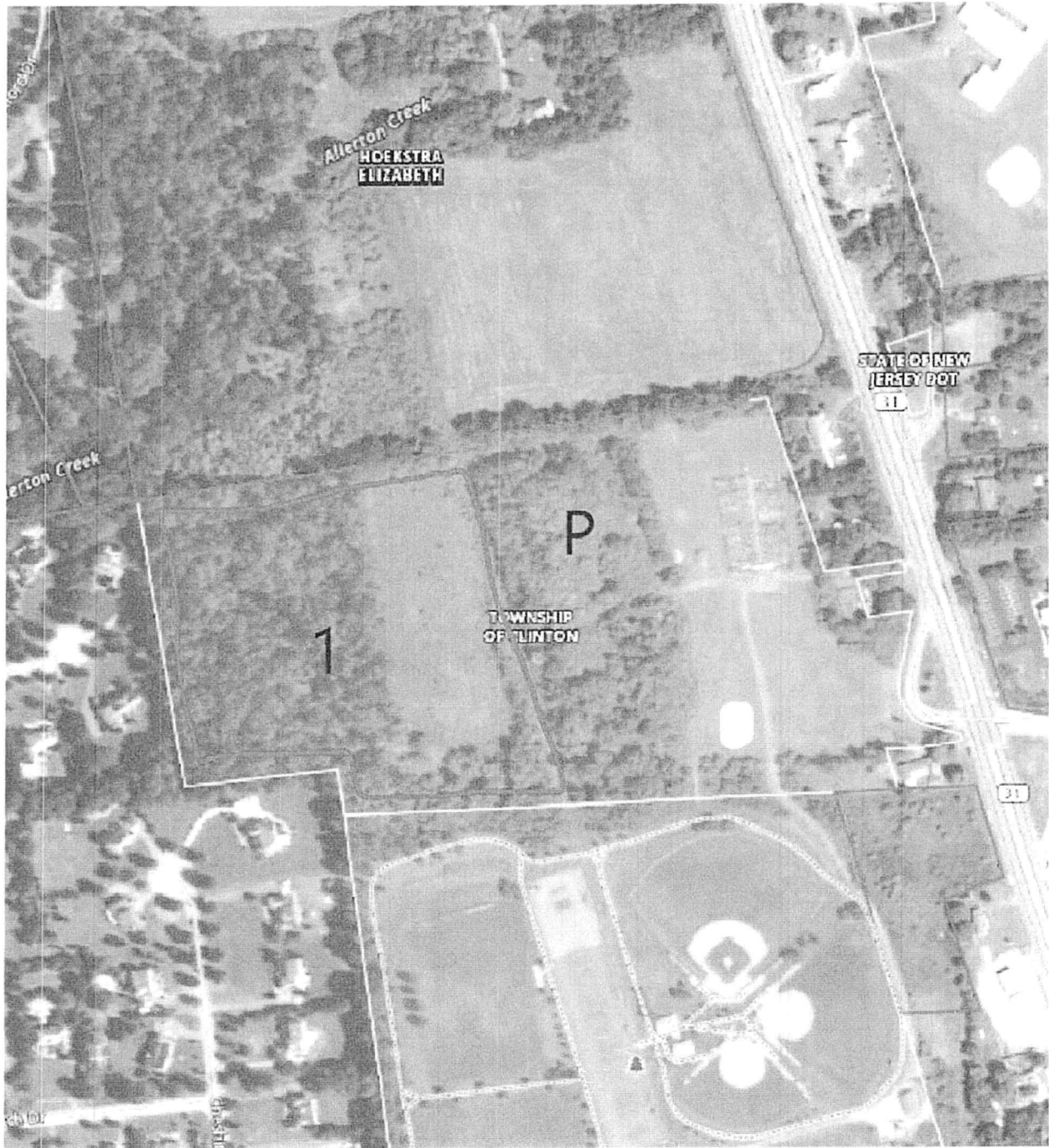
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

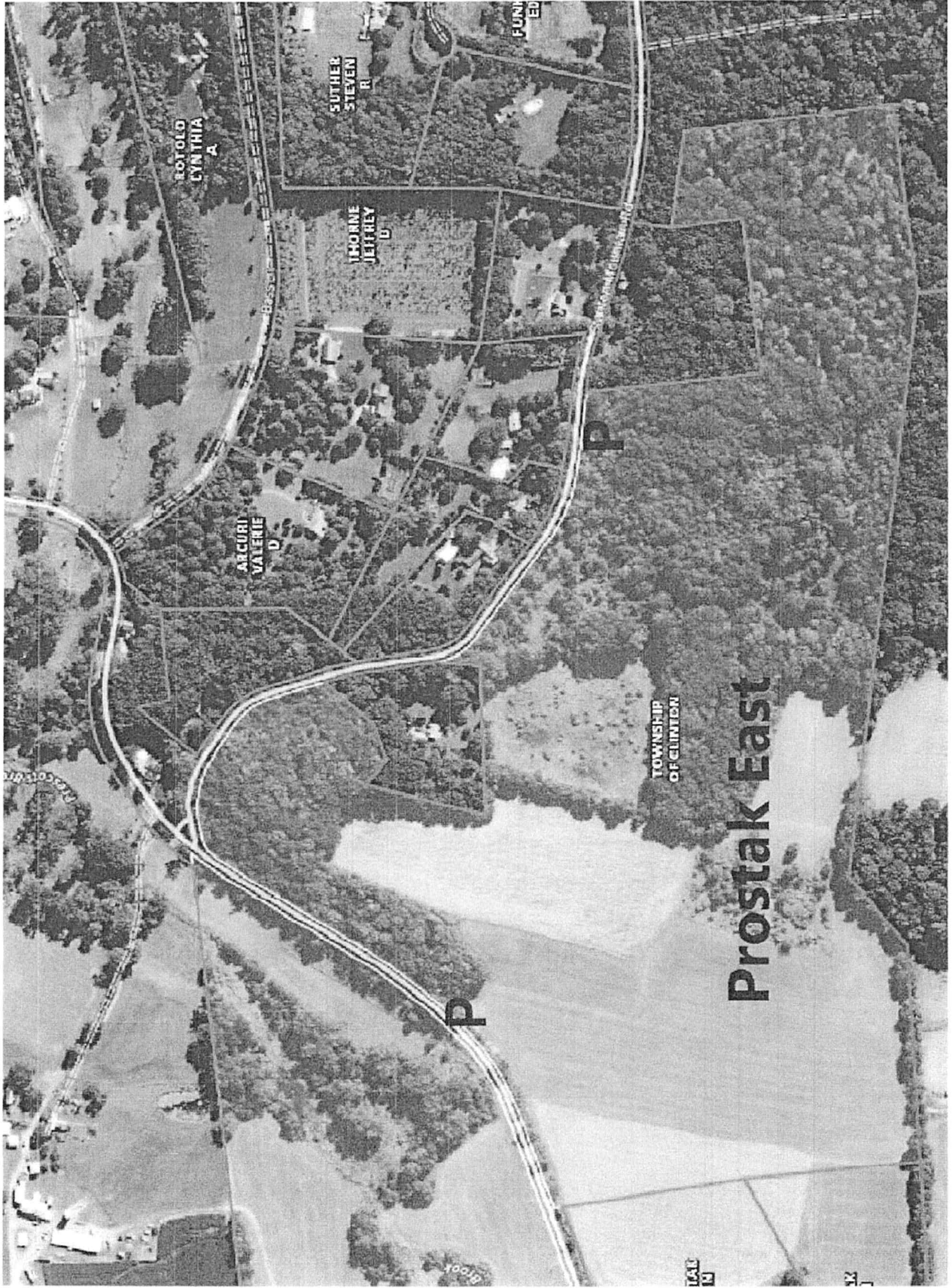
Carla Conner, Township Clerk

Hon. Brian Mullay, Mayor

Adopted: _____, 2022



White cloud property 29 acres total
area 1 approx 11 acres P parking location



Prostak East

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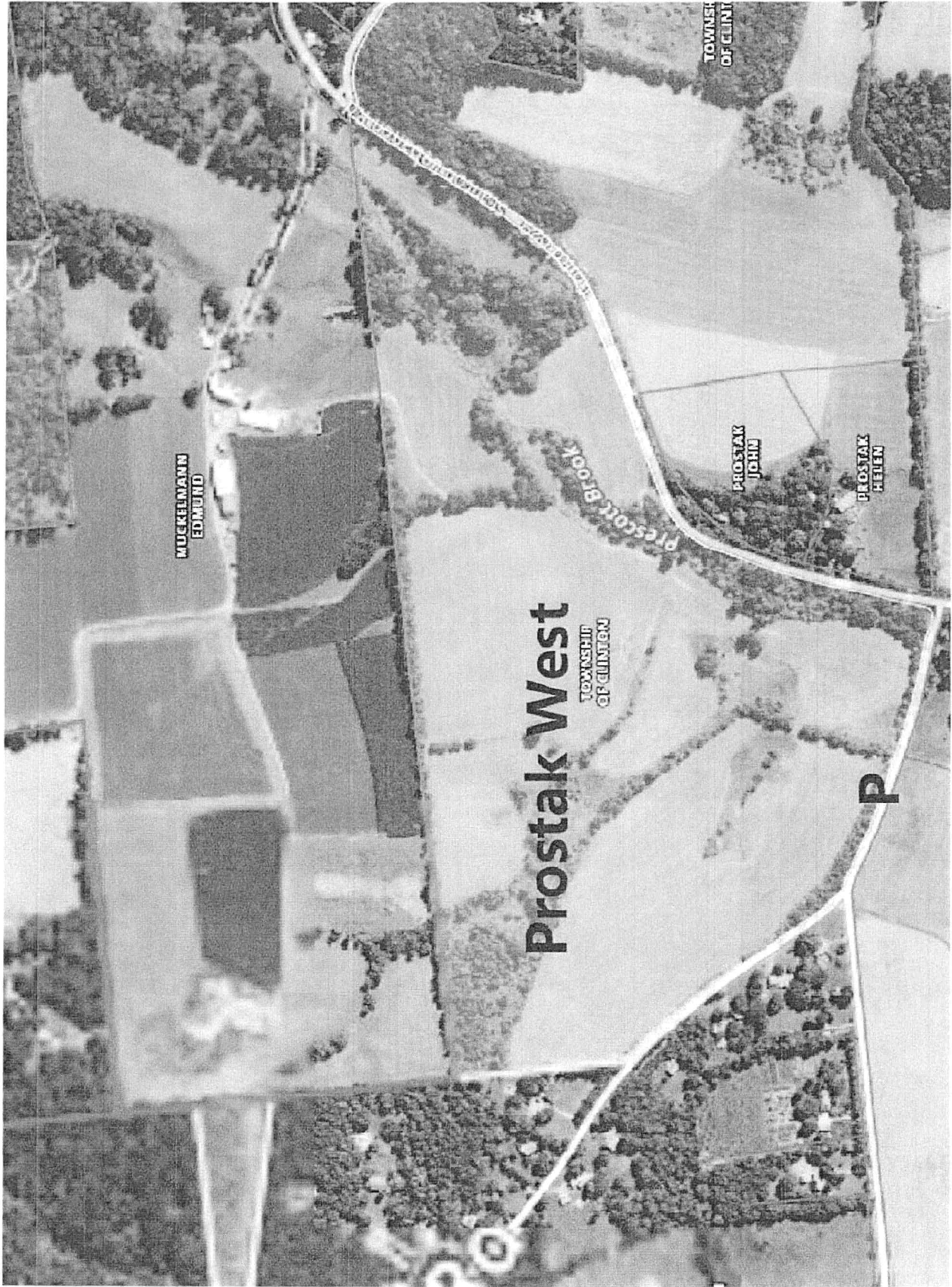
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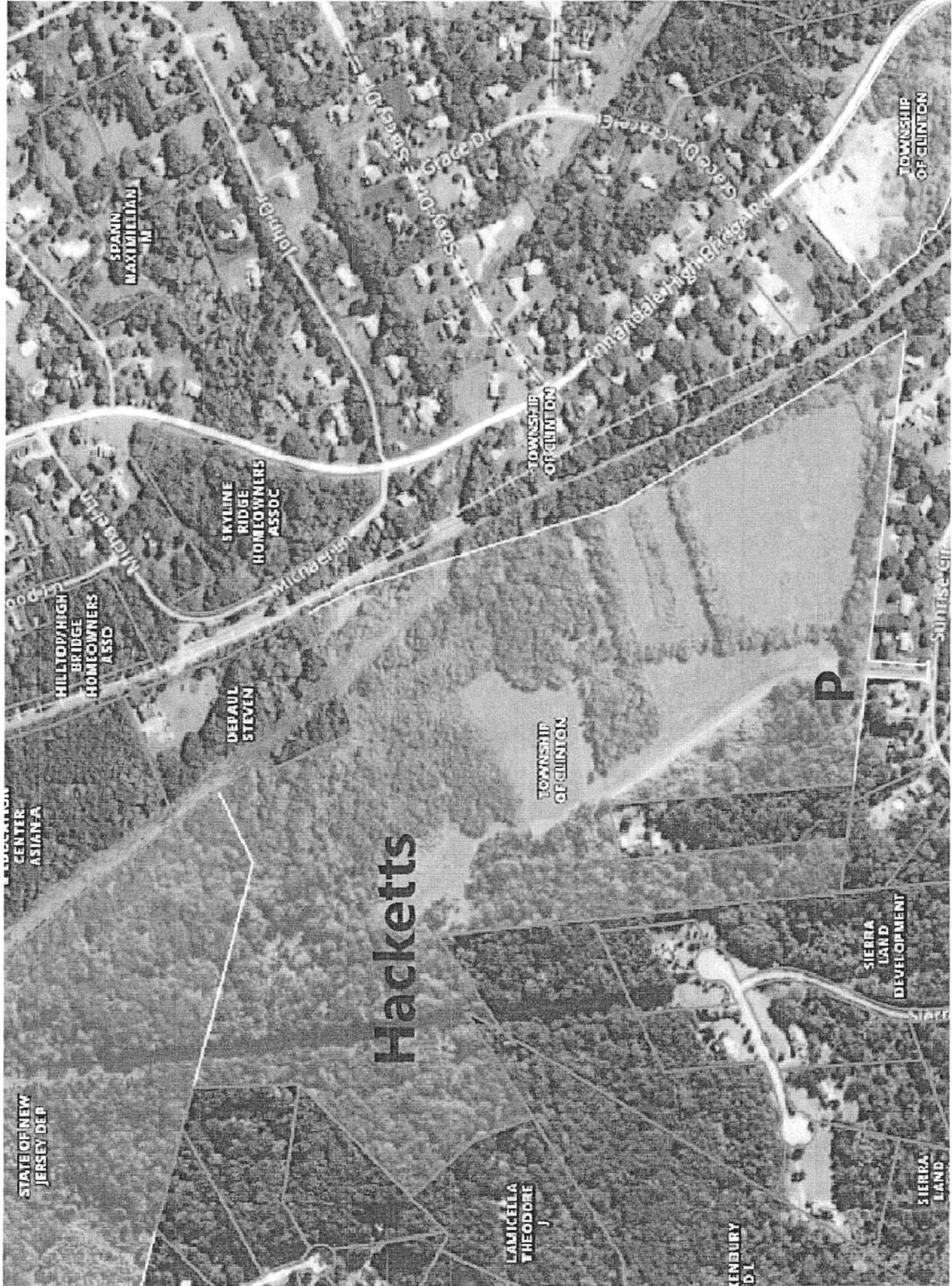
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COMPANY

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CLINTON
AGRICULTURAL
ASSOCIATE

HBI REALTY

CSEPI WILLIAM

SAVED REALTY LLC

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P Parking

B/G Bow or Gun

B Bow Only

MISSY REES



-  Disc Golf
-  Housing
-  Bow only area 1
-  Bow only area 2

MAROOKIA



— area 1 gun or bow — area 2 bow only

BRAYS HILL

RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ASHLEY BIONDO

WHEREAS, Ashley Biondo is currently employed as Administrative Office Clerk, appointed by the Township on August 23, 2021, and is currently serving in her one-year probationary period; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Biondo has submitted a special request to the Mayor and Council that she be granted an unpaid leave of absence for childbirth purposes to begin on April 18, 2022, and to continue until July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Township policy and state and federal law, Ms. Biondo is not entitled to an unpaid leave as of right because she has not yet been employed by the Township for a full year; and

WHEREAS, upon review of Ms. Biondo's unique circumstances and without intending to create a general policy and practice for future cases, the Mayor and Council have decided to grant Ms. Biondo a special exception from Township policy (which would otherwise require her to have been employed for one full year), and to grant her an unpaid leave of absence from April 18, 2022, until July 11, 2022, due to the birth of her child; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Biondo will remain eligible for continuing health insurance coverage through the Township during her unpaid leave of absence but must pay the full premium cost of such continuing coverage for the duration of her unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the procedures established by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Ashley Biondo is hereby granted special exception from Township policy and is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence from April 18, 2022, until July 11, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to assure a fair opportunity in which to demonstrate her abilities and fitness for permanent appointment, Ashley Biondo's probationary period shall be deemed extended by a period of time equal to the length of the unpaid leave of absence granted to her under this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Recitals set forth above are deemed incorporated into this Resolution as if more fully set forth herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Township Clerk

Brian Mullay, Mayor

Adopted: April 13, 2022

I, Carla Conner, Clerk of the Township of Clinton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton at the regular meeting held on April 13, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH THE
CLINTON TOWNSHIP ORGANIC COMMUNITY
GARDEN, INC. PERTAINING TO A PORTION OF BLOCK
88, LOT 3.02, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “WHITE CLOUD
ORCHIDS” PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

WHEREAS, the Township of Clinton is the owner of a 2.5± acre parcel in the Township designated as a portion of Block 88, Lot 3.02 on the Township tax maps, and located off of Red School House Road, commonly referred to as the “White Cloud Orchids” property (the “**Property**”), which has been used for the Clinton Township Organic Community Garden (“**Community Garden**”); and

WHEREAS, the Community Garden has thrived and expanded to benefit the Clinton Township community over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, a group of Township residents filed with the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, to form the Clinton Organic Community Garden Inc., a New Jersey tax exempt nonprofit corporation (“**CTOCG Nonprofit**”), whose purpose is to beautify, conserve and provide public access to open space by creating opportunities for residents of Clinton Township and its surrounding areas to engage in organic gardening, in a friendly, welcoming setting that respects the environment; and

WHEREAS, the CTOCG Nonprofit desires to assume responsibility for and continue operation of the Community Garden on behalf of the residents of Clinton Township and its surrounding areas in substantially the same manner as it has been operated in the past; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-14(c) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law authorizes a municipality to lease property to a nonprofit for public purposes and *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-15(j) specifically authorizes a municipality to enter into a lease with a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of gardening; and

WHEREAS, the Property is unfunded, restricted parkland and is subject to the General Provisions of the Green Acres Program regulations (*N.J.A.C.* 7:36 et seq.) under the auspices of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“**NJDEP**”); and

WHEREAS, the CTOCG Nonprofit has agreed to comply with said regulations throughout the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interests of Clinton Township to enter into a five-year lease with the CTOCG Nonprofit to operate the Township’s Community Garden; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has reviewed and approved the lease agreement for its initial term;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Preamble Incorporated. The statements and findings set forth in the preamble above are hereby incorporated as if fully restated herein.

Section 2. Lease of a Portion of Block 88, Lot 3.02. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-14(c) and 40A:12-15(j), the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the lease of the Property to the CTOCG Nonprofit for the purpose of operating the Community Garden for the benefit of the citizens of Clinton Township and surrounding areas, as described in Section 1 above, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Term of Lease: Initial period of five (5) years with three optional 5-year renewals, subject to approval of the NJDEP.
- B. Consideration: One (\$1.00) Dollar.
- C. Compliance with Green Acres Regulations: The CTOCG Nonprofit shall conduct all activities on the Property in accordance with Green Acres regulations, as more particularly described in *N.J.A.C.* 7:36 et seq., and more particularly subchapter 25, *N.J.A.C.* 7:36-15.13 (b) 7 & 8.
- D. Insurance: The CTOCG Nonprofit shall provide the Municipal Clerk with a certificate of insurance for general liability each year the lease is in effect, naming the Township and NJDEP as additional insureds. The CTOCG Nonprofit insurance shall be primary as to any other insurance.
- E. Amendments or Modifications to Lease: The initial lease shall be in the form approved by the NJDEP. Any amendment to the lease or change in use shall require the prior review and written approval of the Township and the NJDEP.
- F. Annual Report: As required by Green Acres regulations, the CTOCG Nonprofit shall provide an annual written report to the Township Administrator by December 31st of each calendar year that includes an operations and fiscal summary and confirmation of the CTOCG Nonprofit's continued status as a tax exempt nonprofit under New Jersey state law.
- G. Public Access: As required by Green Acres regulations, the public shall have reasonable public access to the leased premises pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 7:36-25.13(b)3 and 7:36-15.13(d)3.

Section 3. Municipal Council Responsible for Enforcement of Lease and Renewal. The Municipal Council is hereby designated as the entity responsible for enforcement of the lease and renewal thereof, with renewal subject to the approval of NJDEP.

Section 4. Authority to Implement Terms of Conveyance. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Township Attorney, and other appropriate staff and officials are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and execute any and all such documents and undertake any and all such acts as may be needed to implement the terms hereof.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 6. Severability. If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, sentence clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision of such holding and shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements.

Carla Conner, Township Clerk

Brian Mullay, Mayor

Introduced: April 13, 2022

Adopted: