

RESOLUTION 2025-105

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE JERSEY LAND USE**

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning require municipalities to take the lead to achieve a statewide sustainable land use pattern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township resolves to take its best efforts to make land use decisions with the intent to make a truly sustainable community.
2. That the Township shall use best efforts to include the following principles into the next Master Plan revision and reexamination report and to update land use zoning, natural resources protections and other ordinances accordingly:

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- A. **Regional Cooperation** - Reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.
- B. **Transportation Choices** - Create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications.
- i. Reevaluate 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.
- C. **Natural Resource Protection** - Take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. And to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.
- D. **Mix of Land Uses** – Zone 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.

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- E. **Housing Options** - Use 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.
- F. **Green Design** - Incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.
- G. **Municipal Facilities Siting** – Consider 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.

3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Little Egg Township Administrator and Environmental Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **10th** day of **April, 2025**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
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