

# New Jersey NATURAL LANDS TRUST AGENDA NATURAL LANDS TRUST MEETING December 1, 2017 Location: Office of Natural Lands Management 501 E. State Street, 5 Station Plaza 4th Floor Large Conference Room Trenton, NJ 12:00 PM

# I. Statement of Open Public Meetings Act

- II. General Public Comment
- **III.** Financial Report

-First, Second and Third Quarter 2017 Financial Reports, for decision

IV. Minutes of March 3, 2017 meeting, for decision

# V. Unfinished Business

-Petty's Island, Pennsauken Township, Camden County, Resolution Approving Four-month Extension of CITGO-Crowley Lease, for affirmation

# VI. New Business

-Reinhardt Preserve Project Area, Montague Township, Sussex County, for decision -Clarks Landing Preserve-Effron, Land Donation Offer, Galloway Township, Atlantic County, for decision

-Bear Swamp at Red Lion-Braccio and Crush Properties/GA, Land Management Assignment Offers, Southampton Township, Burlington County, for decision

-Sooy Place Preserve-Woodland Township/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer, Woodland Township, Burlington County, for decision

-Sooy Place Preserve-Drusendahl, Woodland Township, Burlington County, Resolution Approving Land Donation Offer, for affirmation

-New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council Resolutions Approving Expenditures, for affirmation

# VII. Adjourn

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THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2017

(See Accountant's Review Report)

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET ASSETS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2017	
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# (See Accountant's Review Report)

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	Fixed Asset Fund	General Fund	Hyponex	Pettv's Island	Petty's island Cultural	Shorehird	TGP Acquisition	TGP Animals	TGP Plants	Wellands Acouisition	Wetlands Mitication	14 FOF
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Educational Programming	•	ı	,	,	•	1	,	,	۰	•		
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Depreciation Expense	ł	•	,	•	•	•	1	,	ł	۲	•	1
Total Expenses	2	21,234	4,000	11,393		26,350			•		682,134	945,111
Other Income												
Rent Income	•	6,700	•	•	1	•	1	•	4	•	,	6.700
Interest/Dividend Income	1	3,327	75	1,837	2,430	718	601	1,513	793	51	14.454	25.867
Miscellaneous Income Gain or Loss on Sala		13,050	•	•	Ŧ	•	•			ı	•	13,050
Total Other Income		23,077	75	1,837	2,430	718	601	1,613	- 793	-	14.454	45.617
Excess Revenues Over Expenses	•9	\$ 24 906	\$ (3.925)	\$ 115 444	054 5 2	5 (75,623)	601 201	¢ + 643	9 703 8			ć
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Net Asset Balance Dec 31, 2016	\$ 38,079,629	\$ 1,990,838	\$ 64,009	\$ 1,072,185	\$ 1,130,631	\$ 143.282	\$ 487.104	\$ 1,305,637	\$ 642,776	\$ 15,621	\$ 7,100,523	\$ 52,032,235
Unrealized Loss/Gain Adjustment for Prior Period		- (1,150) -		(220) -	- (891)	- (369)	· ,		, ,		- (8.188)	- (11,418)
Net Asset Balance Mar 31, 2017	\$ 38,079,629	\$ 2,014,594	\$ 60,084	\$ 1 187,409	\$ 1,132,170	\$ 116,681	\$ 487,705	\$ 1,307,250	\$ 643,569	\$ 15,640	\$ 6,224,655	\$ 51,269,386

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2017
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# (See Accountant's Review Report)

TOTAL	\$ 11,667,585	3,038 25,000 25,000	23,000	11,750,123	38 A70 670	2,364	15,544 (4.7.008)	38,079,629	1,428,225 81,444	1.509,865	S 51,339,417	S 81,444 75,000 2.732 159,236	2,139,305 38,079,6729	11,631,221 (669,574) 51 180 181	\$ 51,339,417
Wetlands Mitigation	\$ 5,202,468		3 USA	5,205,502	•		• •	: L	975,995	975,995	S 6.131,497	· · · ·		6,668,683 (487,186) 6,181,497	\$ 6.181,497
Wetlands Acquisition	\$ 15,668	J E 4		15,668			• •	l		Ŧ	\$ 15,668	· , ( )	τ ι	15,668 15,668	\$ 15,668
TGP Plants	\$ 644,728			644,728	ı	I	, ,	-		-	\$ 644,728	2 I I I 59	F 1	644,728 644,728	\$ 644,728
TGP Animals	\$ 1,309,605	,	• •	1,309,605	ı	1		-			S 1.309,605	сэ I I I		1,309,605 1,309,605	\$ 1,309,605
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Shorebird	\$ 2,694	. , ,	•••	2,594	ſ	,		1	79,469 -	79,469	\$ 82,163	· · · · ,	з <b>с</b>	101,805 (19,642) 82,163	\$ 82,163
Petty's Island Cultural	\$ 1,134,210	1		1,134,210	,	ı			<b>ر ر</b>		\$ 1.134.210	69 69		1, 134,210 1, 134,210	\$ 1,134,210
Petty's Island	\$ 1,043,979		- 22	1,044,049	ı	•			36,597 81,000	117,597	\$1,161,646	444 - 444	• •	1,207,747 (46,545) 1,151,202	\$ 1,151,546
Hyponex	\$ 60,192		1 t	60, 192	ı				, <b>,</b>		\$ 60.192	илин и 19	Ŧ 1	60,192 60,192	\$ 60,192
General Fund	\$ 1,765,458 3 024	25,000	25,000	1,844,892	ı	• •			336,160 444	336,604	\$2,181,496	\$ 81,000 75,000 25,752 158,752	2,139,305	(116,601) 2.022,704	\$2,131,456
Fixed Asset Fund	69 1	τ,	) (	1	38,079,629	2,364 15 FAA	(17,908)	38,075,629		,	\$38,079,629	(), (), ())	, 38,079,629	38,079,629	\$35,079,629
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Revenue (Restricted)	Fixed Asset Fund General Fund	General Fund	Hyponex	Petty's Island	Petty's Island Cultural	Strorebird	TGP Acquisition	TGP Animals	TGP Plants	Wetlands Acquisition	Wetlands Mitigation		TOTAL
Cantribution Income	ю	\$ 23,213	ч 49	\$ 125,000	, 19	и И	ч 49	e9	۱ دی	174 1	ν ν	6 <del>3</del>	148.213
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Maintenance	3	23,082	,	; ;		,	*	r	1	•	·		3,514
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Other Authorized Expenditures	•	'	4 000	39,783	*	' Cuc 10	1	٠	١	,	1		•
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Total Expenses	,	75 RG7		004.00		'	ľ	,	-	-	'	i	1
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Other Income													
Rent Income	,	11,650	•	,	•	1							
Interest/Dividend Income	۲	9,117	183	4.151	4,470	1 530	1.179	- 990 6	' u	· (			11,650
Miscellaneous Income	1	16,670	•	1	,		Dit.	005'5	20R'L	47	28,912		55,809
Gain or Loss on Sale		,	'	ı	(1891)	1	• •	,	•	ı	F		16,670
Total Other income	¢	37,437	183	4,151	3.579	1,530	1,479	3,968	1,952	47	28.912		(891) 83 738
Excess Revenues Over Expenses	, ,	\$ 33,958	S (3,817)	\$ 89,368	\$ 3.579	\$ (59,820)	S 1,479	\$ 3,968	\$ 1.952	\$ 47	(802'506) \$	<i>s</i>	(839,074)
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Unrealized Loss/Gain Adjustment for Prior Period	1 4	(2,092)		(351)	F 1	- (1.299)	: 1	₹ c	13	11	- (9,238)		- (12,980)
Net Asset Balance June 30, 2017	\$ 38,079,629	\$ 2,022,704	\$ 60,192	\$ 1,161,202	5 1,134,210	s 82,163	\$ 438,583	\$ 1,309,605	\$ 644,726	\$ 15,668	\$ 6,181,497	5 8	51.180.181
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THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

(See Accountant's Review Report)

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# THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET ASSETS FOR THE NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

# (See Accountant's Review Report)

	TOTAL	\$ 23.387	-	96	8,785	31,081	602	ł	ı	2,586,989	•	2,627,290		20.250	84,530	16,670	(191)	120,555	\$ (2,283,344)	\$ 52,032,235	۔ (16,629)	\$ 49,732,252
	Wettands Mitigation	، س		,	ŀ	ł	,	,	,	2,439,575		2,439,575		•	40,684	•	•	40,684	\$ (2,398,891)	\$ 7,100,523	(12,124)	s 4,689,508
	Wetlands Acquisition	، بو		3	t	)	ł	,	1	ı	,	3		'	84			B4	65 4	s (5,621		\$ 15,705
	TGP Plants	69		•	r	•	•	'	•	,	,	•		•	3,486	,	•	3,488	\$ 3,488	\$ 642,776	<i></i>	- \$ 646,264
	TGP Animals	, ب		,	,	'	•	I		,	•	,		'	7,086	,	·	7,085	\$ 7,086	\$ 1,305,637	τ ι	- \$ 1,312,723
Trust Funds	TGP Acquisition	ı چ		ı	ì	,		•	ı	,	•			1	2,643	,	•	2,643	\$ 2,643	\$ 487,104		\$ 489,747
	Shorebird	נע		,		•	•	ı	•	61,350	,	61,350		ı	2,544	•	ſ	2,144	\$ (59,206)	\$ 143,282	- (962,1)	s 82,777
	Petty's Island Cultural	, ()		ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	i	1	1		r	7,171	•	(891)	6,280	\$ 6,280	\$ 1,130,631	, ,	<u>\$ 1,136,911</u>
	Petty's Island	\$ 200,000		,	ı	r	ı	1	•	59,064		59,064		ı	6,654	,	•	6,654	\$ 147,590	\$ 1,072,185	- (451)	\$ 1,219.324
	Hyponex	, #7		,	,	'	ı	,	•	4,000	,	4,000		,	327	•	•	327	\$ (3,673)	\$ 64.009	, ,	\$ 60'336
l	General Fund	\$ 23,387		96	8,785	31,081	339	r	t	23,000		63,301		20.250	14,249	16,670	ł	51,169	\$ 11,255	\$ 1,990,838	(2,755)	\$ 1.999,338 \$
	Fixed Asset Fund			1		ı	,	,	,	,	£	•		ı	•	ı	τ	1	ı ()	\$ 38,079,629		\$ 38,079,629
		Revenue (Restricted) Cantribution Income	Expense	Materials and Supplies	Services	Maintenance	Annual Report	Capital	Educational Programming	Other Authorized Expenditures	Depreciation Expense	Total Expenses	Other income	Rent Income	Interest/Dividend Income	Miscellaneous Income	Gain or Loss on Sale	Total Other Income	Excess Revenues Over Expenses/ Excess (Expenses) Over Revenues	Net Asset Balance Dec 31, 2016	Unrealized Loss/Gain	Augustment for Frider Frender Net Asset BalanceSept 30, 2017

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# MINUTES OF THE NATURAL LANDS TRUST MEETING March 3, 2017 12:00 PM Office of Natural Lands Management, Trenton, New Jersey

Chairman Catania called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM and roll was taken. A quorum of trustees was present. At least one of the trustees was a state governmental representative.

The Open Public Meetings Act notice was read as follows: Notice of the date, time, location and agenda, to the extent known, was forwarded to three newspapers of general circulation, and provided to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was also noted that such notice was provided on the Trust's website in compliance with the Act requiring State, regional, and local authorities, boards, and commissions to establish a website providing specific information in order to facilitate transparency in government.

In attendance were: Michael Catania, Chairperson James Hall, Vice Chairperson Theresa Lettman, Trustee/Secretary-Treasurer Judeth Yeany, DEP Trustee Larry Torok, DEP Trustee Steve Eisenhauer, Trustee Matt Spayth, Trustee representative for the State Treasurer Lynn Fleming, alternate for Rich Boornazian, Trustee representative for the DEP Commissioner Robert Guzek, DAG, Trust Counsel Robert J. Cartica, Executive Director Martin Rapp, Trust Staff Cari Wild, Trust Staff

Absent were: Emile DeVito, Trustee Thomas Gilmore, Trustee State House Commission representative (not appointed)

# Guests:

Kelly Wenzel, New Jersey Audubon Society Amanda Dey, NJ Endangered and Nongame Species Program David Wheeler, Conserve Wildlife Foundation Darren S. Large, Morristown Municipal Airport Jeffrey Wood, McFarland Johnson for Morristown Municipal Airport

DAG Robert Guzek announced at the start of the meeting that he was recusing himself from any discussion related to the Petty's Island Preserve based on his representation of Pennsauken Township while in private practice on a lease issue involving Petty's Island. DAG Guzek left the room for the Board's consideration of **Petty's Island, Pennsauken Township, Camden County Status Report**.

# General Public Comment: None

**Financial Report:** Mr. Cartica outlined the Financial Statements for the quarters ending June 30, 2016, September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Ms. Fleming motioned to approve the Financial Statements. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and the Financial Statements were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

The **June 3**, **2016 minutes** were reviewed. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

# **Unfinished Business**:

Ms. Wild provided the Board with a **Petty's Island, Pennsauken Township, Camden County Status Report** which included an update on the Trust's inclusion as one of 23 centers that form a network of centers being funded by the William Penn Foundation and participation on the Communications Team of the network to work on events such as River Days, a network website and a unifying art project. She also updated the Board on the status of Petty's Island projects that are directly being funded by the William Penn Foundation such as the making of two documentaries, one of which is nearing completion and the other for which a script is being written.

Mr. Catania circulated a conceptual landscape design produced by Vitetta Architects under a contract with Crowley Maritime, as required by the Board's approval on June 3, 2016 of an 11-month extension of CITGO's lease with Crowley through December 31, 2017. Vitetta will be providing conceptual building designs in the near future.

Ms. Wild advised the Board that the Trust recently bid and awarded an educational programming contract to New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS) for 2017. The contract allows for four one-year renewals. Kelly Wenzel from NJAS made a power point presentation to the Board about the 2016 educational programming and attendance and upcoming 2017 programming.

# **New Business:**

Mr. Cartica presented the **Spending Authorization for Calendar Year 2017**. This year's authorization includes a full biodiversity inventory at the Hardwick Meadows and Game Branch preserve and a number of species- or habitat-specific inventories at other preserves. Ms. Fleming motioned to approve the Spending Authorization for Calendar Year 2017. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and the 2016 Spending Authorization was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Ms. Dey and Mr. Wheeler presented the **Delaware Bay Migratory Shorebird Project 2017 Budget Request for the Conserve Wildlife Foundation (CWF) and the Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP)**. Ms. Dey advised the Board that the annual amount the Trust provides to CWF and ENSP is critical because it helps develop the scientific support for regulatory actions such as horseshoe crab harvesting restrictions and red knot listing. Ms. Dey indicated that the peak count of the stopover population of red knots on Delaware Bay during 2016 was stable at approximately 25,000, which is roughly the same as the past four years. Mean horseshoe crab egg density in 2016 was 5,715 eggs/sq. meter. Ongoing low egg densities reflect egg depletion. It is estimated that an egg density of 50,000 eggs/sq. meter is the minimum necessary to begin a true recovery of red knots. The distribution of red knots indicates that the majority (approximately 24,000 in New Jersey compared to 1,000 in Delaware) are foraging in New Jersey where beach closures protect foraging birds from human disturbance. Counts in January 2016 of red knots on their main wintering area in Tierra del Fuego were 11,150 down from 12,780 in 2015 and 14,200 in 2014.

The proposed 2014 shorebird budget is \$58,500 which includes \$48,500 for CWF and \$10,000 for ENSP. In 2016, \$61,350.00 was budgeted and fully expended. Ms. Dey has done a tremendous job in obtaining federal funding in recent years. Therefore, less funding from the shorebird fund has been needed. In 2017, the Trust's shorebird fund will fall below \$100,000.00. Mr. Wheeler advised the Board that CWF is actively seeking grants to fund shorebird research and maintain shorebird habitat.

Mr. Catania requested that, as with prior budgets, the 2017 shorebird budget should be approved with a rider authorizing a reallocation of expenses between categories subject to a limitation of the total budgeted amount. He also requested that the Board authorize a \$35,000 upfront payment to CWF in order to fund Delaware shorebird work to be done in May and June 2017 with receipts for such work to be provided at a later time. Ms. Lettman motioned to approve the 2017 budget with the reallocation rider and upfront \$35,000 payment. Mr. Eisenhauer seconded the motion and the 2017 shorebird budget was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Rapp presented **Black Meadows-Morristown Municipal Airport Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Vegetation Management Plans) in Hanover Township, Morris County**. Under the proposed MOU, Morristown Municipal Airport (MMU) will provide a monetary payment in the amount of \$7,000 as reimbursement for staff time and resources. To the extent that Mr. Rapp conducts future site visits to ensure MMU's compliance with the MOU, the Trust will be reimbursed \$750.00 per day. As compensation for the discrepancy between the 7.7 acres identified in the 2007 MOU and the 10 acres that was confirmed by a survey, the Trust will be compensated \$5,750.00. Mr. Torok motioned to approve the MOU with the inclusion of these payment provisions. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and, by a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Lettman opposing, the MOU was approved and the chair authorized to execute it subject to its approval and revision by the AG's Office.

The Board considered the **Papakating Preserve-Kent/GA**, Land Management Assignment **Offer in Frankford Township**, Sussex County. Mr. Hall motioned to approve this land management assignment. Mr. Torok seconded the motion and the offer was approved by a vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Yeany recused herself from the matter based on the advice from the NJ Attorney General's Office that her vote may present an appearance of conflict notwithstanding that she has no personal or financial stake in Trust management assignments.

The Board considered the proposed **Quarryville Brook Project Area in Wantage Township**, **Sussex County**. Ms. Lettman motioned to approve the Quarryville Brook Project Area. Mr. Eisenhauer seconded the motion and the project area was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Cartica presented the Board with the **Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) Plant Fund-2017 Work Plan**. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the TGP Plant Fund-2017 Work Plan. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion and the 2017 Work Plan was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0. Mr. Cartica presented the Board with the three New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council **Resolutions Approving Expenditures**. Mr. Cartica explained that he received three separate requests from the New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council (Council) for disbursements from the Wetlands Mitigation Fund to the Green Trust Alliance: August 19, 2016 request in the amount of \$311,009.44 (Middlesex County Deep Run Preserve Project); January 18, 2017 request in the amount of \$257,79.29 (Middlesex County Pin Oak Project); and February 3, 2017 request in the amount of \$618,503.96 (Middlesex County Pin Oak Project). Provided with each request was a signed resolution August 5, 2014 by the Acting Chair of the Council approving grant funding to the Green Trust Alliance for the Middlesex County Pin Oak and Deep Run Preserve projects. In accordance with the Trust's April 28, 2004 MOU with the Council, the Executive Director of the Trust shall disburse moneys for projects approved by a resolution of the Council; provided, however, that disbursements exceeding \$250,000 shall require the authorization of the Trust's Board, which shall act on any request for such authorization within ten working days after the Executive Director's receipt of a request for disbursement from staff to the Council. Per Trust bylaws, in the event a decision by the Board is required and a special meeting cannot be held due to time constraints or lack of a quorum, the Executive Director may poll the members of the Board to determine their preference on an issue. In such a circumstance, the Executive Director shall supply to each Board member, in writing, a draft resolution and information sufficient for Board consideration. With the concurrence of the Board, the Executive Director may take action in accordance with the resolution.

On September 9, 2016, Mr. Cartica polled the Trust's Board to determine their preference on the disbursement.

Michael Catania	Yes	Larry Torok	Yes
James Hall	Yes	Tom Gilmore	Yes
Theresa Lettman	Yes	Matt Spayth	Abstain
Emile DeVito	Yes	Judeth Yeany	Abstain

After six Board members, with at least one of them of them being an official of state government, responded affirmatively to approve the resolution, Mr. Cartica made the requested disbursement. Having been presented to the Board with no objection, this resolution was affirmed.

On February 1, 2017, Mr. Cartica polled the Trust's Board to determine their preference on the disbursement.

Michael Catania	Yes	Larry Torok	Yes
James Hall	Yes	Tom Gilmore	Yes
Lynn Fleming	Yes	Emile DeVito	Yes
Matt Spayth	Yes		

After seven Board members, with at least one of them of them being an official of state government, responded affirmatively to approve the resolution, Mr. Cartica made the requested disbursement. Having been presented to the Board with no objection, this resolution was affirmed.

On February 27, 2017, Mr. Cartica polled the Trust's Board to determine their preference on the<br/>disbursement.Michael CataniaYesJames HallYesYesTom GilmoreLynn FlemingYesEmile DeVitoYes

After six Board members, with at least one of them of them being an official of state government, responded affirmatively to approve the resolution, Mr. Cartica made the requested disbursement. Having been presented to the Board with no objection, this resolution was affirmed.

The Board was presented with and considered the **Draft 2016 Annual Report**. Ms. Wild noted that a guest article may be added to the 2016 Annual Report by David Snyder, State Botanist, about the Bennett Bogs Preserve. It was requested that the Board provide any comments or changes on the draft report within the next thirty days. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the draft report subject to Board members and staff having flexibility to incorporate changes, including the addition of the noted article. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion, and the 2016 Annual Report was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

The remaining 2017 Board meeting dates are June 9th, September 15th and December 1st.

Ms. Fleming motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Ms. Yeany seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM by a unanimous vote of 8 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Lettman Secretary/Treasurer

# NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF CITGO PETROLEUM COMPANY AND CROWLEY MARITIME LEASE November 2017

WHEREAS, among other powers, the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust (NJNLT) is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to acquire in the name of the Trust, hold and dispose of real or personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.119 <u>et seq</u>.; and

WHEREAS, among other powers, the NJNLT is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.119 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, among other powers, the NJNLT is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business; and

WHEREAS, the NJNLT has adopted bylaws, most recently revised on March 17, 2006, which provide as follows:

In the event a decision by the board is required and a special meeting cannot be held due to time constraints or lack of a quorum, the Executive Director may poll the members of the Board to determine their preference on an issue. In such a circumstance, the Executive Director shall supply to each Board member, in writing, a draft resolution and information sufficient for Board consideration. With the concurrence of at least seven (7) members of the Board, the Executive Director may take action in accordance with the resolution. The same resolution will then be presented to the Board, for affirmation, at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2009, the NJNLT accepted the donation of an easement from CITGO Petroleum Company (CITGO) over Petty's Island in Pennsauken Township, Camden County (Easement); and

WHEREAS, under the Easement, a pre-existing lease between the predecessors of CITGO and Crowley Maritime Corporation (Crowley) (hereinafter Marine Lease) for marine transport services between Petty's Island and San Juan, Puerto Rico was not to be extended beyond January 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Easement may be amended only with the written consent of NJNLT, Grantee, and CITGO, Grantor; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, NJNLT Board of Trustees approved an 11-month extension of the Marine Lease, not to extend beyond December 31, 2017, to provide Crowley with adequate time to relocate its operation to Penn Terminals in Eddystone, Pennsylvania to ensure a smooth transition and the saving of Crowley jobs. The NJNLT Board of Trustees authorized its chair to execute written consent was based on conditions proposed by CITGO and Crowley which included the hiring of an architect to provide conceptual designs/plans for the reuse of Crowley's

triple deck structure(s) as the Petty's Island Cultural and Environmental Education Center and, if the NJNLT agrees that reuse of such structure(s), or portions thereof, is appropriate, to have the structure(s), or appropriate portions thereof, remain on Petty's Island after the termination of the Marine Lease. At its June 3, 2016 meeting and prior to its approval, the NJNLT was assured by CITGO that it would not consider a lease extension beyond December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 20, 2017, a Category 4 storm, Hurricane Maria, made landfall in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Hurricane Maria, Crowley has represented that it is the only maritime terminal providing marine transportation services between Puerto Rico and the northeast United States and, thus, is serving a vital role in the emergency response to Hurricane Maria by transporting emergency supplies and relief cargo to Puerto Rico for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies as well private companies and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, although Crowley is poised to begin fully operations on January 1, 2018 at its new location at the Penn Terminals in Eddystone, Pennsylvania, it has represented in the attached October 30, 2017 letter to CITGO that there is an acute need for the continuation of maritime transport using the roll on/roll off (ro/ro) service provided at Petty's Island. Therefore, Crowley has requested an extension of the Maritime Lease until April 30, 2018 to allow it to continue offering ro/ro service in support of the Puerto Rico emergency response efforts; and

WHEREAS, Crowley has represented that the requested extension of the Maritime Lease, not to extend beyond April 30, 2018, in support of humanitarian and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico will be a fitting final chapter for the island's history as a transportation hub; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided in the attached October 30, 2017 Crowley letter and representations of representatives of Crowley and CITGO, the NJNLT staff recommends the approval by the Board of Trustees of an extension of the Maritime Lease not to extend beyond April 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NJNLT Board of Trustees hereby approves an extension of the Maritime Lease not to extend beyond April 30, 2018.



October 30, 2017

Re: Crowley / Citgo Petty's Island Lease Extension Request

Mr. Jack McCrossin,

As you are aware, in the wake of Hurricane Maria Crowley has been engaged extensively with transporting emergency supplies and relief cargo to Puerto Rico for FEMA and other U.S. Government agencies as well private companies and charitable organizations. As the only carrier operating from the Northeast, Crowley's terminal at Petty's Island has served a vital role in this response.

Particularly valuable to the effort has been the roll-on/roll-off (ro/ro) nature of Crowley's operation as much of the emergency and relief cargo moving has been rolling stock (utility trucks, fuel trucks, ambulances, etc) and oversized cargo (generators, construction equipment, etc). Additionally, the ro/ro operation has allowed agencies such as FEMA to ship emergency supplies using domestic over-the-road trailers instead of transferring into ocean shipping containers, which allows for supplies to be positioned more quickly.

At this point in the recovery it appears there will be an on-going need to ship many of these cargoes directly to Puerto Rico from the Northeast. We anticipate this need to extend well into 2018. Accordingly, we request an extension of our lease at Petty's Island until April 30, 2018 to allow Crowley to continue offering ro/ro service and support the Puerto Rico recovery efforts. We believe this support of humanitarian and recovery efforts will be a fitting final chapter for the island's history as a transportation hub.

I appreciate your attention to this request and are available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

John Hourihan.

Sr. Vice President & General Manager Crowley Puerto Rico Services, Inc.



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# **REINHARDT PROJECT AREA** Montague Township, Sussex County

December 1, 2017

# **Description of Project Area**

The Reinhardt Project Area in Wantage Township, Sussex County would facilitate the expansion of the Trust's existing 300-acre Reinhardt Preserve. It would also accommodate three properties recently offered for sale to the Green Acres Program (Weiss #3310.01, 96 acres; Finch #9112, 35 acres; and Karp #9143, 2.7 acres).

# **Ecological Description**

The Project Area lies within the glaciated Ridge and Valley region of northwestern New Jersey. It includes the 163-acre Montague Woods Natural Heritage Priority Site, which was drawn to include the known extent, and appropriate buffer, for a federally threatened, state endangered plant population. Most of the Project Area is mapped Landscape 5 as habitat for federally threated, state endangered bog turtle or Landscape 4 as habitat for numerous state endangered and state threated species such as timber rattlesnake, bobcat, and barred owl. An ongoing Trust survey for woodland raptors at Reinhardt Preserve has documented barred owl and red-shouldered hawk and is evaluating the suitability of the habitat for northern goshawk.

The Project Area is mostly forested or forested wetlands. It includes the headwaters of the Mill Brook, which is routinely sampled by the New Jersey DEP's Bureau of Freshwater and Biological Monitoring for its Index of Biologic Integrity (IBI). At last sampling, the Mill Brook was determined to be in excellent condition with optimal habitat for many pollutant intolerant species including the only northern spring salamander found to date in IBI monitoring.

# **Management Issues and Concerns**

Other than old limestone kilns, structures or improvements on the properties are not targeted for acquisition although partial acquisition of vacant land within a developed lot is a possibility. Staff is familiar with the Project Area based on management of the existing Reinhardt Preserve and expects no significant management issues or concerns. If any agricultural lands are acquired, staff recommends that they continue to be farmed.

# **Acquisition Criteria**

Properties within this Project Area meet the acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat since they include habitat for a state or federally listed plant or animal species or suitable buffers to protect such species.

# **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends the approval of this Project Area to preserve critical habitat and to facilitate Green Acres' acquisition of properties in the area. As required by the Trust's Guidelines for Land Acquisition, lands within the Project Area that would present management concerns, such as structures, improvements or contamination or that would require the expenditure of Trust funds, would be brought to the Board for specific approval before acquisition.



# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust

Reinhardt Preserve Project Area Montague Township, Sussex County, New Jersey







# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust Reinhardt Preserve Project Area Montague Township, Sussex County, New Jersey



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# The New Jersey Natural Lands Trust LAND OFFERING FORM

Site Name: Clarks Landing-Effron ID#: 140-21

Donor(s): Charles Richard Effron Address: 268 Barnstable Drive City, State, Zip: Wyckoff, NJ 07481-2148 Phone: 973-443-3501 Agent/Contact: Martin Lepelstat

Municipality: Galloway Township County: Atlantic Quad Name: Frontage: None Blocks: 273.01, 273.02 Lots: 3, 1

Acreage/dimensions: Approximately 20 acres Assessed value: \$157,800

Improvements: None Offer restrictions: None Offer contingencies: None ROWs or easements: None

Type of Acquisition: Donation of Fee

**Property taxes paid through end of year transfer:** Yes **Property taxes paid by**: Property owner

Farmland assessed: No

**Estimated annual management costs:** Nominal **Land management fund donation:** None

**Deed Preparation:** Trust will prepare deed **Intended date of closing:** December 31, 2017 **Property survey & monuments:** As exist

# **Description of Offering**

This approximately 20-acre Land Donation Offer is comprised of two lots located in Galloway Township, Atlantic County. The property is near the Trust's Clarks Landing Preserve but is outside of the Clarks Landing Project Area. Both tax parcels have Frankfurt Road frontage. A dirt road, Indian Cabin Road, bisects the property. The property owner acquired the property in 1977.

# **Ecological Description**

Consistent with the Clarks Landing Preserve, this offer provides representative habitat of the outer coastal plain physiographic province and includes oak uplands. One of the parcels includes forested wetlands. The entire property is ranked 3 under the Landscape Project as suitable habitat for state threatened animal species such as northern pine snake, barred owl, and red-headed woodpecker.

# **Management Issues and Concerns**

Based on its inspection and proximity to the existing Clarks Landing Preserve, staff does not expect this additional property to pose management concerns.

# **Acquisition Criteria**

The property meets the Board's acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat since it includes suitable habitat for state or federally listed plant or animal species. This is a land donation offer without a monetary land management donation.

# **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends the approval of this Land Donation as an addition to the Trust's Clarks Landing Preserve.



# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust

Clarks Landing -Effron Galloway Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey 20 Acres





# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust

Clarks Landing -Effron Galloway Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey 0 0.25 Acres 0.5 Miles





# The New Jersey Natural Lands Trust LAND OFFERING FORM

**Site Name:** Bear Swamp at Red Lion-Braccio and Crush Properties/GA **ID#:** 094-17

Donor(s): Green Acres, NJDEP Address: 501 Station Plaza, Mail Code-501-01 City, State, Zip: Trenton, NJ 08625 Phone: 609-984-0500 Agent/Contact: Terry Caruso

Municipality: Southampton Township County: Burlington Frontage: Allentown Road Block: 3002/2902 Lot: 4.03/1

Acreage/dimensions: 100 acres total Assessed value: \$558,800

Improvements: None Offer restrictions: None Offer contingencies: None ROWs or easements: PSE&G Transmission Line

Type of Acquisition: Assignment

Property taxes paid through end of year transfer: N/A Property taxes paid by: N/A

Farmland assessed: No

**Estimated annual management costs:** Nominal **Land management fund donation:** None

Who will prepare deed: Green Acres Intended date of closing: Will property survey & monuments be provided: Yes

# **Description of Offering**

The Braccio property is a land donation to Green Acres of an approximately 18-acre property with frontage on Allentown Road in Southampton Township, Burlington County. The Crush property is an 82-acre property that would connect the Bear Swamp at Red Lion Preserve to the Gerber property being preserved by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. Both properties fall just outside of the Trust's Bear Swamp at Red Lion Project Area. One is located on Allentown Road (Braccio) and the other on Hawkins Road (Crush).

# **Ecological Description**

These properties are in the Pinelands within the Little Creek-Southwest Branch Rancocas Creek subwatershed of the Delaware River watershed. Both properties are almost completely forested, with approximately half of the Braccio property being forested wetlands. The forest on both properties includes a mix of deciduous wooded wetlands and coniferous forest and may contain pitch pine lowlands, Atlantic white cedar bogs, American holly, sweetgum and swamp magnolia. Both properties are ranked 3 by the Landscape Project as habitat for the state threated barred owl.

# **Management Issues and Concerns**

These properties will be additions to the Trust's Bear Swamp at Red Lion Preserve. On the Braccio property, there is a dirt road that leads from Allentown Road to a cleared area that was probably proposed for development in the past. There appear to be some encroachments near the northwest corner of the Braccio property. Because Green Acres will be obtaining survey and title work, it is anticipated that any encroachment issues will be resolved prior to acquisition. There is a PSE&G transmission line easement across the eastern portion of the Crush property. The addition of these properties should not greatly increase the Trust's management responsibilities at the Bear Swamp at Red Lion Preserve.

# **Acquisition Criteria**

These properties meet the Board's acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat since it includes suitable habitat for state or federally listed plant or animal species.

# **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends the approval of these Land Management Assignments as additions to its Bear Swamp at Red Lion Preserve provided that any encroachment issues are resolved by Green Acres prior to acquisition.



# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust Bear Swamp Red Lion-Braccio/GA Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey 0 0.25 0.5<sup>18</sup> Acres 1 1.5 Miles





# New Jersey Natural Lands Trust

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Bear Swamp Red Lion- Braccio/GA Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

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# The New Jersey Natural Lands Trust LAND OFFERING FORM

Site Name: Sooy Place-Woodland Township ID#: 775-12

Donor(s): Green Acres Address: 501 Station Plaza, Mail Code-501-01 City, State, Zip: Trenton, NJ 08625 Phone: 609-984-0500 Agent/Contact: Terry Caruso

Municipality: Woodland Township County: Burlington Quad Name: Frontage: Blocks: 401/501-524 Lots: 8/1-50

Acreage/dimensions: 103 acres Assessed value: \$1,128,000

Improvements: None Offer restrictions: None Offer contingencies: None ROWs or easements: None

Type of Acquisition: Assignment

**Property taxes paid through end of year transfer:** N/A **Property taxes paid by**: N/A

Farmland assessed: No

**Estimated annual management costs:** Nominal **Land management fund donation:** No

Who will prepare deed: Green Acres Intended date of closing: Will property survey & monuments be provided: Yes

# **Description of Offering**

This 103-acre Land Management Assignment offer consists of numerous tax parcels located on Route 72 in Woodland Township, Burlington County. The property is adjacent to the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's 1,227-acre Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve. It is located near the Trust's Sooy Place Preserve. The property is directly across Route 72 from the Brendan T. Bryne State Forest. Woodland Township acquired the property in 1998 and 2006 but has been unable to market or develop it because it includes habitat for rare and endangered animal species.

# **Ecological Description**

The property is completely forested in a mix of community types including pitch pine lowlands and pine-oak forest. The property is ranked 4 under the Landscape Project as habitat for animal species such as the state endangered timber rattlesnake and the state threatened barred owl and northern pine snake. The property has been documented by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and others as a nesting site for the state threated red-headed woodpecker.

# **Management Issues and Concerns**

Based on its proximity to the existing Sooy Place Preserve, staff does not expect management of this additional property to pose management concerns.

# **Acquisition Criteria**

This property meets the Board's acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat since a portion of it includes suitable habitat for state or federally listed plant or animal species. There is no offer of a land management donation.

# **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends the approval of this Land Management Assignment as an addition to the Trust's Sooy Place Preserve.



New Jersey Natural Lands Trust Sooy Place Preserve -Woodland Township/GA Woodland Township, Burlington County, New Jersey 0 0.25 103 A cres 1 Miles





New Jersey Natural Lands Trust Sooy Place Preserve -Woodland Township/GA Woodland Township, Burlington County, New Jersey 0 0.25 103 A cres 1 Miles



# <u>NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST</u> RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE DONATION OF INTEREST IN LAND June 2017

WHEREAS, among other powers, the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust (NJNLT) is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to acquire in the name of the Trust, hold and dispose of real or personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.119 <u>et seq</u>.; and

WHEREAS, among other powers, the NJNLT is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.119 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, among other powers, the NJNLT is authorized by <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:1B-15.122 to adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business; and

WHEREAS, the NJNLT has adopted bylaws, most recently revised on March 17, 2006, which provide as follows:

In the event a decision by the board is required and a special meeting cannot be held due to time constraints or lack of a quorum, the Executive Director may poll the members of the Board to determine their preference on an issue. In such a circumstance, the Executive Director shall supply to each Board member, in writing, a draft resolution and information sufficient for Board consideration. With the concurrence of at least seven (7) members of the Board, the Executive Director may take action in accordance with the resolution. The same resolution will then be presented to the Board, for affirmation, at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

WHEREAS, the NJNLT owns and/or manages more than 1,500 acres in Woodland Township, Burlington County known as its Sooy Place Preserve; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the NJNLT's March 2017 meeting, Ms. Maxine Drusendahl offered to donate 1.6 acres of property adjacent to the Trust's Sooy Place Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the offered property meets the NJNLT's acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided in the attached Sooy Place-Drusendahl land offering form, NJNLT staff recommends the approval of the offered property as an addition to the Sooy Place Preserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NJNLT Board hereby approves the Sooy Place-Drusendahl Land Donation.



# The New Jersey Natural Lands Trust LAND OFFERING FORM

Site Name: Sooy Place-Drusendahl ID#: 775-12

Donor(s): Maxine Drusendahl Address: 3474 Greenacres Terrace City, State, Zip: The Villages, FL 32163 Phone: 352-259-9244 Agent/Contact:

Municipality: Woodland Township County: Burlington Quad Name: Frontage: Block: 927 Lots: 11-39

Acreage/dimensions: 1.6 acres Zoning: Assessed value: \$1,600 Annual taxes:

Improvements: None Offer restrictions: None Offer contingencies: None ROWs or easements: None

Type of Acquisition: Fee donation

**Property taxes paid through end of year transfer:** Yes **Property taxes paid by**: Donor

Farmland assessed: No

**Estimated annual management costs: Land management fund donation:** No

**Owner will prepare deed:** Trust will prepare deed **Intended date of closing: Owner will provide property survey & monuments:** No

# **Description of Offering**

This 1.6-acre land donation offering is located on a sand road in Woodland Township, Burlington County. The property is adjacent to the Trust's Sooy Place Preserve. Maxine Drusendahl and her sister inherited the property from their father in 1977. Upon the death of her sister last year, Ms. Drusendahl became the sole owner of the property and offered to donate it to the Trust.

# **Ecological Description**

All parcels are completely forested in a mix of community types including pitch pine lowlands, Atlantic white cedar, and pine-oak forest. The parcels are within the Burrs Mill Brook drainage area. Most of the property consists of forest ranked 4 under the Landscape Project as habitat for animal species such as timber rattlesnake (E), red-headed woodpecker (T), and northern pine snake (T).

# **Management Issues and Concerns**

Staff has conducted a Phase I and title review of the property. Both are satisfactory. Before the Trust accepts title to the property, it will be inspected for any dumping issues. Based on its proximity to the existing Sooy Place Preserve, staff does not expect management of this additional property to pose any management concerns.

# **Acquisition Criteria**

This property meets the Board's acquisition criteria for Endangered Species Habitat since a portion of it includes suitable habitat for state or federally listed plant or animal species. There is no offer of a land management donation.

# **Staff Recommendations**

Staff recommends the Board accept the donation of this land as an addition to the Trust's Sooy Place Preserve.



# Legend



# RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL LANDS TRUST APPROVING DISBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,499,256.29 FROM THE WETLANDS MITIGATION FUND TO THE NORTH JERSEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council (hereinafter "Council"), and the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust (hereinafter "Trust"), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MOU") dated April 28, 2004 to establish a framework for the transfer and management of funds and real estate donated to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU does not create any substantive standards under which mitigation proposals will be reviewed or impose any legal obligations on the public. It is intended to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort between the Council and Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council was created by Law of 1987, c.156 (<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:9B-14) as a public body in but not of the Department of Environmental Protection, and the statutory responsibilities of the Council include the governance of the Wetlands Mitigation Bank and the disbursement of funds from the Bank to finance mitigation projects, the purchase of land to provide areas to restore or enhance degraded wetlands, and the purchase of land to preserve wetlands and transition areas determined to be of critical importance in protecting wetlands; and

WHEREAS, based on its statutory authority to receive moneys and invest same in an interest-bearing account, under the MOU the Trust has agreed to manage moneys that are collected by the Council and to invest such moneys in an account known as the Wetlands Mitigation Fund; and

WHEREAS, under the MOU the Council retained authority to determine what moneys it collects should be transferred into the Wetlands Mitigation Fund and to determine how those moneys are spent. The MOU specified that the Council shall continue to exercise its discretion over the Wetlands Mitigation Fund as to the selection of appropriate real estate acquisitions, restoration projects, mitigation projects and research projects that meet the statutory goals of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act except with respect to the specific transfer of funds to the Trust for the purchase of land as provided in paragraph 3 of the MOU. The Executive Director of the Trust shall disburse the moneys for projects approved by a resolution of the Council; provided, however, that disbursements exceeding \$250,000 shall require the authorization of the Trust's Board, which shall act on any request for such authorization within ten working days after the Executive Director's receipt of a request for disbursement from staff to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, projects that are approved by a resolution of the Council are hereby deemed to be in furtherance of the purposes of the Trust on the basis that they are required by law to be in accordance with the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:9B-1 <u>et seq</u>., specifically <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:9B-15) as well as to preserve natural diversity; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council approved a resolution on August 5, 2014 approving grant funding to the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council (NJRC&D) in the

amount of \$2,093,000 for the enhancement of wetlands on the Kenco Acquisition within Kittatinny State Park in Independence Township, Warren County for a project known as the "Kittatinny-Kenco Wetlands Restoration Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2017 the Council submitted to the Trust a request for payment to NJRC&D in the amount of \$1,499,256.29; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Trust finds the Kittatinny-Kenco Wetlands Restoration Project to be consistent with the intent of the MOU between the Council and the Trust and authorizes the Executive Director or the Secretary-Treasurer to make disbursements totaling \$1,499,256.29, subject to the conditions outlined in the attached resolution of the Council as attested to by Ms. Claudia Rocea, Acting Chairperson, on August 5, 2014.