

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 18-230

**SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE RESOLUTION**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Township of Washington, resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Township of Washington a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update over land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

Regional Cooperation – We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices – We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportations, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our 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.

Natural Resource Protection – We pledge to take actions to protect the natural resources of the Sate of environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we

pledge to complete a National Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and asses the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses – We pledge to use our zoning power 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.

Housing Options – We pledge, through the use of our 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.

Green Design – We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivisoin requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting – We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration 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.

ATTEST:

  
 Susan Witkowski,  
 Township Clerk

APPROVED:  
 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY   
 Michael DeSena  
 Council President

DATED: June 6, 2018

MOTION		SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno		Bruno		Bruno	X			
Cascio		Cascio		Cascio	X			
Cumming		Cumming	X	Cumming	X			
DeSena		DeSena		DeSena	X			
Ullman	X	Ullman		Ullman	X			