

**ORDINANCE 24-08**  
**HABITAT CONSERVATION ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Runnemede ("Borough") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede recognizes its obligation to preserve, protect and enhance the diversity of plant and animal communities and their habitats, recognizing the regional and national significance of these resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1:** Chapter 230 of the Code of the Borough of Runnemede, entitled "Land Use Procedures", shall be amended as follows:

**§ 230-41 Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals**

- a. Applicants for major subdivision or major site plan approval shall document the occurrence of threatened and endangered species, and other species uncommon to the area, on the property to be developed and shall identify critical habitat areas needed to provide for the survival of any local populations of these species. No development shall be permitted, initiated or conducted unless it is designed to avoid irreversible adverse impacts on habitats that are critical to the survival of local populations of threatened or endangered plants and animals. No construction, grading or vegetation removal shall take place in critical habitat areas during breeding or mating of threatened and endangered species, and protection for the critical habitat area appropriate to the species shall be provided.
- b. Threatened and endangered plants and animals shall be defined as those which:
1. Appear on the national list developed by the Department of the Interior; or
  2. Appear on the State list developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy; or
  3. Are designated in N.J.S.A. 23:2A-4 (The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act, State list of endangered species).

**Section 2:** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.



Beth Miller, Borough Clerk


BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE



Nick Kappatos, Mayor

NOTICE

The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede held on the 2<sup>ND</sup> day of April, 2024, and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a meeting of the Borough Council of said Borough of Runnemede 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, New Jersey on the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2024, at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

  
 Beth Miller, Deputy Clerk  
 Upon First Reading

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance, adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede at a meeting held on the      day of May, 2024.

  
 Beth Miller, Borough Clerk  
 Upon Final Passage

Name	Passed on First Reading				Adopted on Second Reading			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Passio				✓				✓
Kelly	✓							✓
Farrell	✓				✓			
Laubenstein				✓	✓			
Cepero	✓				✓			
Murray	✓				✓			