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# News Release

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## **Hillsborough Supports Open Space Ballot Question**

### ***Long-term Dedicated Source of State Funding Needed***

Hillsborough Township Committee took action at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting in support of SCR-84 and ACR-130 by passing a resolution entitled "Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey".

"Land preservation remains a top priority in Hillsborough Township," stated Mayor Doug Tomson during the reading of the resolution.

"A long-term funding solution needs to be put in place to sustain preservation programs for open space, farmland and historic preservation," added Mayor Tomson.

SCR-84 and ACR-130 would authorize a voter referendum, amending the State Constitution to change the amount of funds appropriated to the various environmental programs that are currently funded through the 4% corporation business tax (CBT) and add a new allocation category, beginning on July 1, 2015. It is anticipated to not have an impact on the State budget until 2019.

"The voters should have the option to make that choice and we here in Hillsborough are in support of dedicating funds to land preservation," remarked the Mayor.

The Assembly recently voted 58-9 with one abstention to put SCR-84 on the ballot and the Senate passed it in June.

“As always, we encourage our voters to take the time to review their sample ballots in preparation for the coming Election so that they are aware of the questions and how they wish to respond,” concluded the Mayor.

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