



Township of Hillsborough

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ORDINANCE 2016-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% OF THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$330,000.00 TO ASSIST THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET IN THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TAX MAP AS BLOCK 169, LOTS 36.05, 36.04, 36.03 AND 36.07 FOR OPEN SPACE

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset seeks to purchase approximately 63 acres of property owned by Bryce Thompson and identified on the Tax Map of the Township of Hillsborough as Block 169, Lots 36.05, 36.04, 36.03, and 36.07 ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset requested the Township of Hillsborough assist and provide a contribution to the County for the purchase of the Property to preserve the Property as open space; and

WHEREAS, the Property following purchase will be owned by the County of Somerset and maintained as open space; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough Open Space Committee recommended the Township assist the County with the purchase of the Property and that 30% of the contract price be appropriated from the Township Open Space Trust Fund for this purpose in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township that the Property be preserved as open space; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough Chief Financial Officer confirmed sufficient funds are available in the Open Space Trust fund for this appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. 30% of the Contract Price is hereby appropriated from the Open Space Trust Fund to assist the County of Somerset with the purchase of the Property in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00.

2. The Property shall be owned by the County of Somerset and maintained as open space.
3. In the event the County of Somerset sells the Property or does not maintain the Property as open space, the County shall reimburse the Township of Hillsborough for the entirety of Hillsborough's financial contribution.
4. The Township of Hillsborough Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Participation Agreement with the County of Somerset in accordance with this Ordinance and in a form approved by the Township Attorney.
5. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.
6. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.
7. This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner provided by law.

ATTEST

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP



Pamela Borek, Township Clerk



Frank DelCore, Mayor

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