

**ORDINANCE 2012-32**

**"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DISBURSEMENT FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TO THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET IN THE SUM OF \$500,000.00 TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 169, LOTS 5C, 5.02, 5.04, 6.02, 6.03, 13.01, 14, 15, 18, 19 AND 21 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH."**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Somerset agreed to purchase from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation that property commonly known as Block 169, Lots 5C, 5.02, 5.04, 6.02, 6.03, 13.01 14, 15, 18, 19 and 21 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Hillsborough ("Property") consisting of up to 348.60 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation agreed upon a purchase price of \$15,000.00 per acre with an approximate purchase price of \$5,229,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is within that area known as the "Sourland Mountain Preserve"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County requested that the Township of Hillsborough assist the County with the purchase of the Property to preserve the Property as open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough Open Space Committee recommends that the Township assist the County with the County's purchase of the Property and that \$500,000.00 be appropriated from the Township Open Space Trust Fund for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township that the Property be preserved as open space and that the natural beauty of the Sourland Mountain Preserve be maintained.

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

- 1 . That \$500,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Open Space Trust Fund to assist the County of Somerset with the County's purchase of the Property.
- 2 . That in the event the County of Somerset does not maintain the Property as open space or sells the Property to a third party, that the County reimburse the Township of Hillsborough for the \$500,000.00.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

**ATTEST:**

**HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Borek  
Acting Township Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Suraci, Mayor

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