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## **Township Moves A Step Closer in Open Space Assessment** *Needs Assessment / Study on the Horizon if Ballot Question is Approved*

A resolution authorizing the Township to proceed with a needs assessment was considered at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting. This move was an effort to further solidify the Committee's commitment to thoughtfully proceed should the upcoming ballot question be approved. On November 5<sup>th</sup> voters of Hillsborough Township will have the opportunity to decide if up to 20% of future Open Space Tax Revenue can be utilized to create and enhance recreational uses on open space land within the Township.

The proposed question reads "Shall the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough modify and expand the uses and purposes of the Open Space Trust Fund to allow for not more than 20% of the Open Space Trust Fund Tax collected in any one year to be utilized for the development and, or improvement of Park and Recreation Facilities that are located on property within the Open Space and Park inventory for recreation, conservation and general open space purposes?"

"Once the ballot question is approved by the voters, we will proceed with a needs assessment of the open space inventory to determine the best use and if any recreational improvement should be considered," commented Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson during the resolution consideration.

"We want to ensure the voters of Hillsborough that we are not entering into this without careful consideration and that going forward our commitment is to preserve open space and by conducting a needs assessment, any future improvements will be thoughtfully considered," added Committeeman Carl Suraci.

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