

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Resolution No. 11

Adopted: August 12, 1992

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the County of Morris concerning the question and/or policy pertaining to establishing an Open Space Trust Fund; and there is no other statute by which the sentiment of the voters can be ascertained other than by the submission of such question to a vote of the electorate of the County of Morris.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris as follows:

1. That the Clerk of Morris County print upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election, the following public question and interpretive statement:

PUBLIC QUESTION

Shall the County of Morris consider establishing an open space trust fund to be used exclusively for the purpose of acquiring open space areas such as protecting sources of drinking water, providing outdoor recreation and the preservation of farmland in accordance with Chapter 283 of the Public Law of 1991 to be funded at a rate not to exceed \$.02 rate per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation?

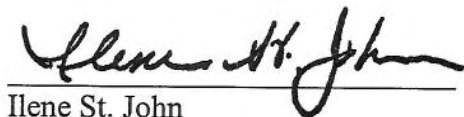
INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This non-binding referendum will give the elected officials of the County of Morris the sentiment of the voters concerning the establishment of an "Open Space Preservation Trust Fund" to be used exclusively for the acquisition of land or water areas for the purposes of providing and/or protecting parkland or green spaces; protecting ecologically sensitive areas such as wetlands, stream corridors, sources of drinking water, water aquifers and recharge areas; to provide for public outdoor recreation and to preserve farmland. The County will annually determine the yearly rate which can vary from nothing to \$.02 rate per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation, but it could not exceed the \$.02 rate established by the referendum. As an example, at the \$.02 rate, the owner of a property assessed at \$100,000 would be contributing \$20 to the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund. It has been recommended that the rate for the first year be set at one-half cent. Money raised for this fund could only be used to acquire land which will remain as open space. Once the objectives of the program have been achieved, the tax will discontinue.

2. Upon passage, certified copies of the within resolution shall be delivered to the Morris County Clerk at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the next ensuing general election.

3. This resolution shall take effect in compliance with law.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris at a regular meeting held August 12, 1992.



Ilene St. John
Clerk of the Board