

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #23-176

**A RESOLUTION THANKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER NORA
SIRBAUGH FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOPEWELL VALLEY COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, after attending a local showing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" hosted by BMS, Nora Sirbaugh volunteered to serve on the Hopewell Township Environmental Commission, and was appointed on April 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh served on the Environmental Commission in multiple capacities, as a Member, then its Secretary and finally as its Chair through December 2022; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh dedicated her many years of service to passionately protecting and preserving the Hopewell Township community and its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh provided pivotal leadership to the environmental stewards of this community in her unwavering support of all that is green and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh enriched the lives of our residents by cultivating unique and collaborative relationships with many governmental and nonprofit entities such as the Hopewell Valley Green Team, the Mercer County Master Gardeners, the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, the D&R Greenway and the Watershed Institute; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh was instrumental in crafting the Community Forestry and the Woodlands Protection Plans, the Stream Corridor and Native Plant ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh anticipated the destructive impact of the Emerald Ash Borer by producing an instructional video on the EAB which was lauded by the NJ State Forestry Group and presented at their annual conference; and,

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh worked tirelessly on Hopewell Township's successful Tree City application; and,

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh always brought her vast experience and essential pragmatism to the table as the Environmental Commission grappled with large and small residential and commercial applications; and,

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh has always conducted herself with integrity and diplomacy, never wavering from doing what she considered to be the right thing for all residents of Hopewell Township; and,

WHEREAS, always with grace, candor and good humor, Nora Sirbaugh earned the respect of every member of the Environmental Commission and other sister Township Committees and Commissions; and,

WHEREAS, Nora Sirbaugh has been a valued collaborator and colleague on the Environmental Commission through both easy and challenging times, and all those who have served with her have had the great fortune to learn from her; and,

WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we lose a friend on this Commission, it is with joy that we commend her service on Arbor Day 2023.

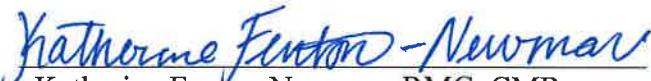
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of April, 2023, the Hopewell Township Committee and the Environmental Commission express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the positive and long-lasting improvements that Nora Sirbaugh has contributed for the Hopewell Valley community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee wishes Nora Sirbaugh the best of luck in her retirement from the Hopewell Township Environmental Commission.

Date Adopted: April 17, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2023, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.


Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk