

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

R E S O L U T I O N #24-154

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATION OF TOWNSHIP PLANNING
BOARD AND DESIGNATING THE SITE DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 85, LOT 9
(REDESIGNATED AS BLOCK 85.07, LOT 19) AS A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN
NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW,
N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.,**

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law ("Redevelopment Law"), N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., grants broad powers to municipalities to create and implement redevelopment plans for areas determined to be in "need of redevelopment," and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-144, adopted May 3, 2021, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell authorized and directed the Hopewell Township Planning Board to undertake an investigation of the site known as Block 85, Lot 9 to determine whether the proposed area qualified under the statutory criteria as "Areas in Need of Redevelopment", within the meaning and intendment of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Study Area"); and

WHEREAS, the property in question, and comprising the Study Area, consists of Block 85, Lots 9; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Planning Board, pursuant to all notices required by law, conducted a public hearing on March 23, 2023 to determine whether the Study Area meets the statutory criteria of an area in need of redevelopment and considered any public comments and objections thereto, and

WHEREAS, as the result of the hearing, the Planning Board made recommendations to the Township Committee that the site known as Block 85, Lot 9 is recommended to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the criteria set forth in NJS 40A:12-5 and NJS 40A: 12-3, of which recommendations were memorialized in Hopewell Township Planning Board Resolution No. 23-008 adopted by the Planning Board on April 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board subsequently adopted a corrected Resolution No. 23-008 Corrected, on May 18, 2023 which acknowledged correction of a typographical error in the Preliminary Investigation Report, and reaffirmed the recommendation for designation of Block 85, Lot 9 as a (non-condemnation) Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed this Resolution, as well as the report of the Township Planner Banisch Associates, Inc. entitled, "Preliminary Investigation Report for Designation of a Non-Condennation Area in Need of Redevelopment, Block 85, Lot 9, Hopewell Township Mercer County, New Jersey" and dated March 2023 for the area specified in the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, said report recommended the designation of "Redevelopment Area" for the property identified by the Township Committee in its Referral Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the area recommended for determination as redevelopment or rehabilitation is more specifically described in said report, and the boundaries of same are shown on the maps and exhibits included within said "Preliminary Investigation Report"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed said report and based upon same, expressed it belief that the recommendation should be adopted and accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has further determined that a program of redevelopment as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 may be necessary to prevent further deterioration and promote overall development of the above-described area within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2023, the Hopewell Township tax maps were updated and the parcel known as Block 85, Lot 9 was reassigned as Block 85.07, Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said review and consideration, the Township Committee accepts the Planning Board's recommendations set forth in Hopewell Township Planning Board Resolution No. 23-008, and No. 23-008 Corrected, and accepts the designation of Block 85, Lot 9 (now Block 85.07, Lot 19) as "a Non- Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment"; pursuant to the Redevelopment Law and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law provides for supplementary procedures to establish a Redevelopment Plan for the municipality, and the Township Committee has determined that it will embark upon the preparation of such a Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein and adopted hereby as the factual predicate, along with those set forth below, for the adoption of this resolution.
2. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(5), the Township Committee, as the governing body of this municipality, hereby accepts the factual findings set forth in the Planner's reports adopted by the Hopewell Township Planning Board in its Resolution No. 23-008, and Resolution No. 23-008 Corrected.
3. The Township Committee hereby declares its desire to invite and encourage the participation and involvement of landowners, private investors, private developers and the general public in the process of advancing the interest of the municipality in redeveloping and rehabilitating the area in question.

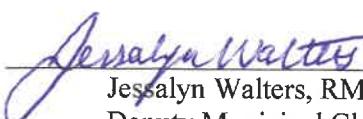
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hopewell Township Planning Board, to the Mercer County Planning Department, to the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey; and that a copy be posted on the municipal bulletin board, and that a copy be published in an official newspaper within fourteen (14) days of the date of the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and correct copy of this resolution so designating any Area in Need of Redevelopment be immediately forwarded to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and that a copy of same also be forwarded to the owner of the redevelopment property as well as all interested parties who have submitted written objections to the Redevelopment Area designation during the Land Use Board process, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

Date Adopted: April 29, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessalyn Walters, Deputy 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 29th day of April 2024, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Jessalyn Walters, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk