

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

R E S O L U T I O N #25-56

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM, SUPPORTING MERCER COUNTY'S APPLICATION
FOR ROSEDALE PARK COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey is pursuing funding through the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program under Jake's Law in order to make Rosedale Park playground completely inclusive through improvements; and


WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township governing body supports Mercer County's dedication to improving accessibility and promoting inclusion, which will significantly improve the quality of life for Hopewell Township's residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a letter to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program in support of Mercer County's application for funding, under Jake's Law, in order to make Rosedale Park playground completely inclusive through improvements.

Date Adopted: January 27, 2025

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 27th day of January, 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.


Katherine Fenton-Newman, CMR, RMC
Municipal Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

COURTNEY PETERS-MANNING

January 27, 2025

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program
501 East State Street, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Re: County of Mercer - Rosedale Park Completely Inclusive Playground Improvements

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Hopewell Township Administration, I am pleased to express our full support for the Rosedale Park Completely Inclusive Playground Improvements Project. This initiative is a vital step toward fostering a more inclusive and welcoming community, aligning perfectly with our township's values and goals.

Hopewell Township takes pride in its vibrant parks and recreational spaces, which contribute significantly to the quality of life for our residents. However, we recognize the need for enhancements to ensure that these spaces are accessible to all, regardless of physical or cognitive abilities. The proposed inclusive playground at Rosedale Park will fill this need by offering thoughtfully designed features, such as sensory play panels, adaptive swings, and wheelchair-accessible pathways, ensuring that every child and family can fully participate in recreational activities.

We applaud Mercer County's proactive approach in pursuing funding under Jake's Law and their dedication to improving accessibility and inclusion within our region. As a partner in this effort, Hopewell Township is eager to support the project's implementation and collaborate on any necessary measures to make it a success.

We respectfully urge the NJ DEP Jake's Law Program to approve Mercer County's application and help us make this vision a reality for our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtney Peters-Manning
Mayor