

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

R E S O L U T I O N #25-440

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 3545 AND ASSEMBLY
BILL 4696 THE "CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT" WHICH IMPOSES LIABILITY
ON CERTAIN FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES CAUSED
BY CLIMATE CHANGE AND ESTABLISHES PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE
COMPENSATORY PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3545 and Assembly Bill 4696, collectively known as the "Climate Superfund Act," would hold certain fossil fuel companies liable for damages caused to the State of New Jersey and its residents by the harmful effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would establish a program within the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to collect compensatory payments from those companies and distribute the funds as grants to support climate change adaptation and resilience projects; and

WHEREAS, the bill would require the State Treasurer, within two years of enactment, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a comprehensive assessment of the damages to the State and its residents resulting from greenhouse gas emissions dating back to 1995; and

WHEREAS, the legislation directs the DEP to deposit all compensatory payments into the "Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program Fund," which would be used to support statewide mitigation and adaptation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the DEP would also be required to develop and administer a grant program to distribute these funds to eligible projects that enhance climate resilience and protect communities from the ongoing impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township recognizes the urgent need to invest in environmental protection, public health, and community resilience in the face of accelerating climate impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby express their full support for Senate Bill 3545 and Assembly Bill 4696 - the "Climate Superfund Act"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's Municipal Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Mercer County's representatives in the New Jersey Legislature

Date Adopted: December 15, 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 15th day of December 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.


Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC
Municipal Clerk