

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

R E S O L U T I O N #26-30

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSUNPINK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township, through its professionals, staff, and elected officials, has been engaging with the participants of the Assunpink Watershed work group organized by The Watershed Institute; and

WHEREAS, the group started meeting in September 2022 to discuss issues of stormwater management, flooding, and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell, as well as all municipalities, are required by the 2023 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit to develop a Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) to reduce flooding, reduce water pollution, meet the pollution reduction goals in Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and achieve designated uses for waterways within each municipality; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) encourages municipalities to interact with their neighboring municipalities and to develop the Watershed Improvement Plans on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Institute has been awarded a grant by the NJDEP to develop a watershed management plan for the Assunpink Watershed and has contracted with Princeton Hydro to develop that plan; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of receiving the grant, The Watershed Institute retained Princeton Hydro to develop a water quality monitoring program and monitor the water quality in the Assunpink Watershed so that the data could be used to develop the watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Institute has retained Princeton Hydro to prepare the watershed management plan for the Assunpink Watershed, which will utilize water quality data, develop a matrix of best management practices (stormwater management systems) to address water pollution impairments and flooding, and identify potential locations, projects, and costs within the watershed to reduce water pollution and reduce flooding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed watershed management plan will provide the technical components for the Watershed Assessment Report, thus reducing the work and cost to the municipality in preparing said report; and

WHEREAS, the watershed management plan is being prepared at no cost to the municipality.

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 Township Committee, or their designee, are hereby authorized and directed to participate in the development of the watershed management plan by The Watershed Institute and Princeton Hydro.
2. The Township Committee, or their designee, are directed to provide to The Watershed Institute and Princeton Hydro any information or data that they reasonably request.
3. The Township Committee, or their designee, will participate in the regional meetings scheduled by The Watershed Institute.

4. The Township Committee, or their designee, will participate in the public information sessions required by the permit and will help facilitate the advertisement of the meetings.
5. The Township Committee, or their designee, will utilize the technical information from the watershed management plan to prepare the required Watershed Assessment Report.
6. The designee for the purposes of the development of the watershed management plan and meetings is: **[INSERT NAME/POSITION HERE, e.g., Township Engineer or Environmental Commission Chair]**.
7. A copy of this Resolution will be kept on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Date Adopted: January 12, 2026

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 12th day of January 2026, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.


Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC
Municipal Clerk