

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2024-38**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BEING OFFICIALLY INCLUDED  
IN THE FEDERAL HIGHLANDS BOUNDARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing substantial natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites, plentiful recreation opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water sources for over fifteen million people; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 10-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages a voluntary grant program to assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region in coordination with willing sellers; and

**WHEREAS**, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watershed, trails, scenic and natural lands and other protected areas unique to the region for the enjoyment of future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Lafayette supports being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, AnnaRose Fedish, Clerk of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Lafayette Township this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

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AnnaRose Fedish, RMC  
Municipal Clerk