

Subject: Adopt the 2021 Mercer
County Open Space
Preservation Plan

WHEREAS, Mercer County is desirous of preserving open space, recreational land, farmland, environmentally sensitive land, and historic open space; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the voters of Mercer County overwhelmingly approved by referendum a tax to provide for the acquisition of open space and farmland through the creation of an Open Space Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board (“Open Space Board”) was established to create a Mercer County Open Space Preservation Plan (“Plan”) to implement strategies and priorities for the use of the Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 the Mercer County Planning Board and the Open Space Board adopted said Plan to guide the County in its use of the Trust Fund and other resources to preserve the County’s natural resources and open space; and

WHEREAS, an updated Plan was adopted by the Mercer County Planning Board and Open Space Board in 2010 as an Element of the 2010 Mercer County Master Plan; and


WHEREAS, in 2021 the Open Space Board and County Planning Department staff prepared an update to the 2010 Plan, in accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program standards; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Plan was reviewed by the Open Space Board at two public meetings in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing to adopt the 2021 Plan as an Element of the County’s Master Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board hereby adopts the 2021 Mercer County Open Space Preservation Plan.

Date Adopted 6/1/21

Secretary 
Emily Blackman