

RESOLUTION 98-2022

**BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LAND USE POLICY

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey’s strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown hereby that it hereby supports the following steps regarding its municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Eatontown a truly sustainable community. It is the Borough’s Council’s intent to recommend to the Planning Board to incorporate these principles in the next Master Plan revision and reexamination report and to update the Borough’s land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances as recommended by the Planning Board following the Planning Board’s actions with respect to the Master Plan:

- **Regional Cooperation** – The Borough will reach out to administrations of its neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.
- **Transportation Choices** -The Borough will consider transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. The Borough will reevaluate its parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.
- **Natural Resource Protection** – The Borough will take into consideration actions to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources, including the use of native species to enhance their ecological viability. Further, the Borough will work to enhance its Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.
- **Mix of Land Uses** – The Borough will consider the use of its zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.
- **Housing Options** – The Borough will consider the use of its zoning and revenue generating powers to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.
- **Green Design** – The Borough will consider incorporating the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating the Borough’s site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings, including water conservation.
- **Municipal Facilities Siting** – The Borough will take into consideration factors such as walkability, bike-ability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Resolution shall be supplied to: the following: 1) Planning Board of the Borough of Eatontown; 2) Zoning Board of the Borough of Eatontown; 3) Shade Tree Commission; 4) Environmental Commission; 5) Green Team

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Council President Gonzalez							
Councilmember Regan, Jr.							
Councilmember Escalante							
Councilmember Jones							
Councilmember Gindi							
Councilmember Lucas							
Mayor Talerico							