

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2024-2-3**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LAND USE**

**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 Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that:

- 1) Resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land use decisions with the intent of making Chesterfield Township a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.
- 2) Regional Cooperation – We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land use decision, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land use decisions.
- 3) Transportation Choices – We pledge to create 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. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces.
- 4) Natural Resources Protection – We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State, County and Municipality, recreational and agricultural values, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to land use and open space planning.
- 5) Mix of Land Uses – We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreation and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly town center areas.
- 6) Housing options – We pledge through the use of our 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.

- 7) Green Design – We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our residential and commercial buildings.
- 8) Municipal Facilities Siting – We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, great access to public transit, proximity to other land use types, and open space when locating new relocated municipal facilities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby directed to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Resolution.

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

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I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on February 8, 2024 at which a quorum was present.

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Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
Township Clerk