RESOLUTION 2024-171

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM MUNICIPAL PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM 2026 PLANNING ROUND APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Retention and Development Act establishes the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) to implement the preservation of farmland through the retirement of development rights and the acquisition of agricultural easements; and

WHEREAS, the SADC enacted the Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program in 1999 to enhance farmland preservation by providing grants to eligible counties and municipalities for easement acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck has preserved over 1,000 acres of agricultural land through the SADC Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:76-17A.6 requires municipalities to submit annual Farmland Preservation Program Municipal Planning Incentive Grant applications for each year's funding round to be eligible to receive funding for that round; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit Colts Neck Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant for 2026 Planning Round is December 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:76-17A.6(a)iii(3) requires Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Applications be accompanied by a resolution of support from the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Colts Neck Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2025 Planning Round Application has been prepared by the Colts Neck Agricultural Advisory Committee and Timothy Anfuso, P.P., Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2026 Planning Round Application and supports its submission to the SADC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, and the State of New Jersey that it endorses and supports the submission of the Colts Neck Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2026 Planning Round Application to the SADC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Mr. Stephen Bruder, SADC
2. Ms. Harriet Honigfeld, MCADB
3. Colts Neck Township Agricultural Advisory Committee
4. Tim Anfuso, Township Planner, Colts Neck Township; and
5. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer, Colts Neck Township

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during a regular meeting held on the 30th day of October, 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent M - Moved S - Seconded					