

RESOLUTION 2007- 6

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE GRANT TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Highlands Act specifies that the maintenance of "agricultural production and a positive agricultural business climate should be encouraged to the maximum extent possible wherever appropriate" in the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Highlands Act sets goals for the Regional Master Plan to preserve farmlands and promote the continuation and expansion of agricultural uses and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to make available grants or other financial and technical assistance to municipalities and counties in furtherance of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Highlands Council in Resolution 2006-19 authorized the development of a process for the solicitation of grants to Highlands Region municipalities and counties in three grant categories: Integrated Crop Management Grants; Market Development/Niche Crop Grants; and County Agriculture Development Board Capacity Building Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's staff has reviewed the grant applications received by the Council and has made recommendations with conditions to the Agricultural Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Committee met on February 8, 2007, reviewed those staff grant recommendations, and recommends the approval of the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board Integrated Pest Management Program/Sustainable Agriculture Program Grant with conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter in a grant agreement with the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for first year with reserve funds to support a second year grant request for a two year total not to exceed \$149,358 and to negotiate and devise a technical work plan and schedule with the conditions approved by the Agriculture Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2007.



John Weingart, Chairman

Vote this Resolution

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Recuse</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dillingham	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Kovach	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Letts	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Pasquarelli	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Salovaara	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____
Councilmember Schrier	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vetrano	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Way	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____