RESOLUTION 2009-31

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY INTEGRATED CROP AND PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Highlands Act sets goals for the Regional Master Plan to preserve farmlands, promote compatible agriculture uses, and promote the continuation and expansion of uses and opportunities within the framework of protecting the Highlands environment; 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, by Resolution 2006-19, the Highlands Council established a process for the approval of grants for the support of sustainable agriculture and determined the availability of an amount not to exceed \$450,000 in grant funds to support a sustainable agriculture grants program; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed the following grant application and recommends approval by the Highlands Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Hunterdon County for an Integrated Crop and Pest Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, provided that the Executive Director may authorize additional amounts under this agreement pursuant to her authority under the Highlands Council Bylaws.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of March, 2009.

John Weingart, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of this					0.790	PA-1211
Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	<u>Abstain</u>	Absent
Councilmember Alstede			_	-	·	
Councilmember Calabrese			√			
Councilmember Carluccio	✓		✓			
Councilmember Cogger			✓			
Councilmember Kovach						
Councilmember Letts			✓			
Councilmember Pasquarelli			✓			
Councilmember Peterson						
Councilmember Schrier						
Councilmember Vetrano			✓			
Councilmember Way		**************************************	_			
Councilmember Whitenack		✓	✓			
Councilmember Weingart			✓		×	