

RESOLUTION 2009-36

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONSULTANT

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 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts to effectuate the purposes of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted Resolution 2008-27 thereby adopting the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP); and

WHEREAS, the RMP includes goals, policies, and objectives; specifically Policy 1H2 establishing the Highlands Council as a regional clearinghouse for information regarding preservation programs and funding sources for land acquisition, restoration, and technical assistance, and long-term stewardship of preserved lands, for public and private organizations in order to maximize land preservation efforts in the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, to support the Highlands Council in the development of a Land Preservation and Stewardship program, the Highlands Council prepared a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), dated February 24, 2009, seeking the qualifications of firms to advise and assist the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, three firms submitted responses and qualifications prior to the deadline of March 17, 2009; and

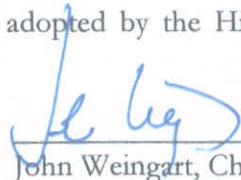
WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff evaluated the qualifications of the firms based on work experience and professional qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommended that Conservation Resources Inc. is best suited to meet the needs articulated by the Highlands Council's RFQ and further recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with Conservation Resources Inc. for land preservation program consulting services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Conservation Resources Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$75,000, provided that the Executive Director may authorize additional amounts under this contract 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 16th day of April, 2009.



John Weingart, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of this Resolution

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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			✓			