

**RESOLUTION 2009-54**  
**NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**APPROVAL OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MARKET**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**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; 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

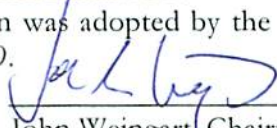
**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council approved a grant application from Hunterdon County for a \$50,000 grant for an Agricultural Market Development Program in Resolution 2007-7 on February 15, 2007 which provided grant funding through May 30, 2008, and the Council thereafter approved a grant application from Hunterdon County for a \$40,000 grant for an Agricultural Market Development Program in Resolution 2009-30 on March 19, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed a grant application from Hunterdon County for an Agricultural Market Development Program for the grant period after May 30, 2008 through April 16, 2009 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 modify Hunterdon County's 2009 Grant for an Agricultural Market Development Program as memorialized in Resolution 2009-30 on March 19, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 to cover approved grant activities from April 2008 through the 2009 grant period 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

  
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John Weingart, Chairman

## RESOLUTION 2009-54

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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 Francis			✓			
Councilmember Kovach	✓		✓			
Councilmember Letts			✓			
Councilmember Peterson					✓	
Councilmember Schrier						✓
Councilmember Vetrano						✓
Councilmember Way						✓
Councilmember Whitenack			✓			
Councilmember Weingart			✓			