#### **RESOLUTION 2009-40**

## NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE GRANT TO SUSSEX COUNTY

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, the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility under the Highlands Act; and

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

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2006, the Highlands Council by Resolution 2006-19 authorized the initiation of a grant application process for Sustainable Agriculture grants to municipalities and counties within the Highlands Region in furtherance of Highlands Act goal of promoting and sustaining the Region's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council awarded Sussex County a Sustainable Agriculture grant to develop value added agricultural products by Resolution 2007-05 on February 15, 2007, in the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County now seeks the renewal of this successful grant in the amount of \$15,000 to continue partnering farmers and students to create value added agricultural products through the use of the Sussex County Technical School kitchen among other activities; 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 Sussex County for the renewal of a Sustainable Agriculture Grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

John Weingart, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of this Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Calabrese						$\checkmark$
Councilmember Carluccio	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Cogger		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Kovach			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Letts			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Pasquarelli			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Peterson			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Schrier			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Vetrano					$\checkmark$	
Councilmember Way			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Whitenack			$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Weingart			$\checkmark$			