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NJ Highlands Council
James Humphreys, Director of Planning, Science and GIS
100 North Road
Chester, New Jersey 07930

RE: REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING
DENVILLE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Dear Mr. Humphreys:

The Township of Denville respectfully requests \$15,000 from the New Jersey Highlands Council in order to update its Open Space Master Plan. The Township's current Open Space Master Plan was written and approved in 2001.

At a meeting held on March 22, 2022 of the Denville Open Space and Trails Committee, the Committee reviewed the 'targeted properties' listed in the 2001 Open Space Master Plan and recognized the Township had successfully preserved the vast majority of the targeted properties listed therein along with a host of other properties in the past 21 years. In fact, in a recent update to our Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) in 2021, the Township has successfully preserved 1,314.26 acres (2.05 sq. miles) of Open Space within our municipal boundaries, which represents more than 16% of our total municipal land area of 12.74 acres.

As only one (1) of the 'targeted properties' from our 2001 Open Space Master Plan has not been either preserved or approved for some sort of development, the Denville Open Space and Trails Committee felt it was a perfect time to update our plan and look for other opportunities to preserve more green space in the future.

Based upon our successful partnership with the NJ Highlands Council on past projects, we would request your consideration in partnering with Denville Township for the above stated purpose, which I believe fits within the realm of objectives of the NJ Highlands Council. The funding requested is based upon a quote I received from the NJ Land

Conservancy in November 2021.

Your consideration of this request is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me via e-mail or at (973) 625-8300 ext. 222.

Very truly yours,



Steven Ward, Township Administrator
TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE, NEW JERSEY

cc: Mayor Thomas Andes
Open Space Coordinator Jane Garvey
Members of the Open Space and Trail Committee