

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
RESOLUTION NO. 213-2021**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ENDORSING WATER
USE AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RECOMMENDING
THE ADOPTION OF THE PLAN BY THE PLANNING BOARD AS AN
ELEMENT OF MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, there are 183 sub-watersheds within the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, one of the highest priority objectives described in the Regional Master Plan (RMP) is to protect restore and enhance water resources within the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this objective, the Highlands Council has developed model Water Use and Conservation Management Plans (WUCMPs) for pilot areas throughout the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) requires that conforming municipalities develop a “Water Use and Conservation Management Plan” that reflects the policies and objectives of the RMP; and

WHEREAS, Water Use and Conservation Management Plans set priorities for the use of available water and establishes methods to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate deficits where they exist; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019 the Mayor and Council authorized the municipal scope of work for the Highlands Region Water Use and Conservation Management Plan through Resolution 171-2019; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Thomas Knutelsky of Harold Pellow and Associates made a presentation to the Mayor and Council of the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Byram Township Mayor and Council have reviewed the contents of the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan and wish to signify their approval of the findings, contents and recommendations contained in that plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council endorse this plan and recommends that the Planning Board adopt the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan as an Element of the Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Byram Township Mayor and Council hereby signify their approval of the contents in the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan and refer this plan to the Township Planning Board with a recommendation for approval.

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	✓				
2nd		✓			
Yes	✓	✓			✓
No				✓	
Abstain					
Absent			✓		

ATTEST:

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Byram Township Council at a meeting held on October 19, 2021.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk

Water Use and Conservation Management Plan 2021

BYRAM TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

2021 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

WATER USE AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION OF MEMORIALIZATION

WHEREAS, Byram Township is located in the Highland Region of New Jersey and subject to regulations set forth by the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, one of the priorities of the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) is to protect, restore and enhance the water sources within the region and has developed a pilot Water Use and Conservation Management Plan to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the RMP requires that conforming municipalities develop a “Water Use and Conservation Management Plan” that reflects and policies and objectives of the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has requested that the Planning Board of the Township of Byram review the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan of the Master Plan (WUCMP), particularly with regard to the watersheds that lie within the Township of Byram; and

WHEREAS, the Township has retained CDM Smith to prepare a report, “Water Use and Conservation Plan, dated July 2021, reviewing various HUC14 watersheds throughout the township, namely, Lubbers Run (above/including Dallis Pond), Lubbers Run (below Dallis Pond), and Cranberry Lake/Jefferson Lake and tributaries; and

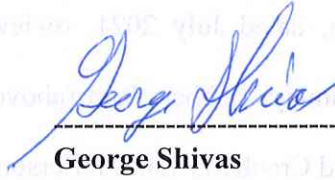
WHEREAS, the aforesaid report was the subject of a public hearing, upon notice and publication, as required by the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., at which property owners and the general public were provided with the opportunity to comment and be heard with respect to same; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, Township Engineer, Cory Stoner, P.E., of Harold Pellow and Associates presented the WUCMP to the Planning Board, providing the Board with an overview and further explanation of the strategies set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes that there is a deficit in the watershed, whereby more water leaves the watershed than enters it. The plan provides strategies to mitigate the deficit; namely public education, municipal ordinances and planning board review of applications that will encourage groundwater recharge. The Plan provides an implementation strategy that furthers the broader planning goals of the Township's Master Plan, in conformance with the Highlands Regulation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan is in conformance with the Master Plan of the Township of Byram; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Byram on the 4th day of November 2021 that the aforesaid Water Use and Management Conservation Plan be and hereby is approved and adopted as an Element to the Byram Township Master Plan.



George Shivas

On motion of: Mr. Walsh

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

The vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Ten (10): Mr. Chozick, Ms. Franco, Mr. McElroy, Mr. Morytko, Ms. Raffay, Mr. Serrilli, Ms. Shimamoto, Mr. Smith, Mr. Walsh, Chairman Shivas

NAYS: Zero (0)

ABSTAINING: One (1): Mayor Rubenstein

ABSENT: Zero (0)

I certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Planning Board on November 4th, 2021 and is in effect for one year.

Caitlin Phillips

**Caitlin Phillips, Planning Board
Secretary**

Dated: 11/05/2021

Prepared by: Alyse Landano Hubbard, Esq.