

**BERNARDSVILLE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #18-1786**

**APPROPRIATING \$950,000 FROM THE BOROUGH OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 251 CLAREMONT ROAD**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To appropriate \$950,000 from the Borough open space trust fund to purchase 251 Claremont Road to provide access to the Peters Tract which has been underutilized because of limited parking and access

WHEREAS, the Peters Tract, a 30.35-acre parcel located at 277 Claremont Road (block 17, lot 30) which is owned by the Borough and which is on the Borough's Recreation and Open Space Inventory ("ROSI") has been underutilized for recreation and open space purposes because of a lack of adequate parking and access; and

WHEREAS, property located at 251 Claremont Road and known as block 17, lot 28 on the Borough Tax Maps is currently on the market; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is interested in purchasing this property using a combination of Green Acres funds and Borough Open Space Trust Funds because it is adjacent to the Peters Tract and could be used to provide parking and access to the Peters Tract; and

WHEREAS, any monies received from Green Acres would be used to replenish the Borough Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in the process of obtaining two appraisals of the property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bernardsville in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. \$950,000 is hereby appropriated from the Borough Open Space Trust Fund to purchase the property described in the preamble, to be used for open space and recreation purposes and, in particular, to provide parking and access to the Peters Tract.

Section 2. Any or all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
BERNARDSVILLE IN THE COUNTY
OF SOMERSET

ATTEST:

Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Kevin Sooy, Mayor

Introduction: _____
1st Publication: _____
Public Hearing and Adoption: _____
2nd Publication: _____