

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$2500 GRANT FROM NY/NJ BAYKEEPER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING CERTAIN PASSIVE RECREATION AMENITIES WITHIN BLOCK 247, LOTS 4 AND 24, TO BE KNOWN AS RIVER GARDENS PARK

WHEREAS, Aberdeen Township is the owner of approximately 25 acres of land known as Block 247, Lots 4 and 24; and

WHEREAS, the lands are of natural, environmental, and historic significance; and

WHEREAS, the location of the lands as an adjacent Flood Plain to Matawan Creek advises the area remain in its natural wooded state and undeveloped for protection of the nearby neighborhood from storm surges and tides; and

WHEREAS, the area provides access to Matawan Creek and contains numerous unmarked trails suitable for Passive Recreation such as hiking, bird watching, and nature education; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to now formally establish the land as River Gardens Park; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 28, 2018, NY/NJ Baykeeper offered a \$2500 grant to be used for amenities such as trail markers, trail development, nature signage, and foot bridges within the described land; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

The Township of Aberdeen accepts the \$2500 grant offered by NY/NJ Baykeeper to establish River Gardens Park on the land known as Block 247, lots 4 and 24.