

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



RESOLUTION NO.: 38 *

ADOPTED: August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the County of Morris concerning the question and/or policy pertaining to the Open Space Trust Fund; and there is no other statute by which the sentiment of the voters can be ascertained other than by the submission of such question to a vote of the electorate of the County of Morris; and

WHEREAS, voter sentiment was last determined by the County of Morris concerning the question and/or policy pertaining to the Open Space Trust Fund at the general election held on November 3, 1998.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris as follows:

1. That the Clerk of Morris County print upon the official ballot to be used at the next general election to be held on November 6, 2001, the following public question and interpretive statement:

PUBLIC QUESTION

Shall the County of Morris modify the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund which was previously approved and established by referendum in 1992 and amended in 1998 by increasing the monies raised for the Fund from the existing amount of, not to exceed three and one-quarter (\$.0325) cents, to a sum not to exceed five and one-quarter (\$.0525) cents per One Hundred (\$100) Dollars of total County equalized real property valuation with a specific amount of funding allocated to each of the following purposes:

- (a) the acquisition of lands for recreation, open space and conservation purposes with a maximum allocated of three and three-quarters (\$.0375) cents;
- (b) the acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes with a maximum allocated of one and one-quarter (\$.0125) cents;
- (c) the capital improvement of county-owned park facilities with a maximum allocated of one-quarter of one (\$.0025) cent,

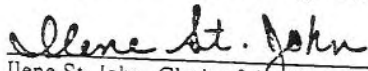
or for the payment of debt service or indebtedness issued or incurred for any of the purposes described above?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "YES" vote will permit the County of Morris to raise the current "open space" tax from three (\$.03) cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation to a maximum of five (\$.05) cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation and continue to include one-quarter of one cent (\$.0025) dedicated to the capital improvement of county-owned park facilities previously approved in a separate referendum in 1998. If the new rate is approved, a maximum of three and three-quarter (\$.0375) cents of the Fund will be allocated to open space land acquisition, one and one-quarter (\$.0125) cent allocated to farmland preservation and one-quarter of a cent (\$.0025) allocated to the capital improvement of county-owned park facilities.

2. Upon passage, certified copies of the within resolution shall be delivered to the Morris County Clerk at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the next general election to be held on November 6, 2001.
3. This resolution shall take effect in compliance with law.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris at a regular meeting held August 8, 2001.


Ilene St. John, Clerk of the Board