

**RESOLUTION 2015-125
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER OPPOSING THE “WHARTON STATE FOREST MOTORIZED ACTION PLAN (M.A.P.)”

WHEREAS, the Wharton state Forest in the New Jersey Pine Barrens has for decades provided opportunities for various outdoor recreational activities, including canoeing, kayaking, hunting and the exploration of historic sites to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Wharton State Forest recently began implementation of the M.A.P., which involves the closure of hundreds of miles of roads that have been open for decades through the Wharton State Forest to legally registered and insured motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of the M.A.P. was carried out without adequately notifying and involving the public; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the road closures will be to deny access for thousands of elderly and handicapped New Jersey residents, as well as others, to vast areas of the Wharton State Forest that have been accessible to the public since before the State owned the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, that we strongly oppose implementation of the M.A.P., as it will effectively deny access of law abiding citizens to many areas of the Wharton State Forest and will do very little to reduce or prevent the type of damage that has been caused by a small minority to certain specific areas of the forest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this executed resolution to our State Legislators, as well as the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler			X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo			X			
Committeeman Moscatiello	X		X			
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			
Mayor Durr						X

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of North Hanover Township on September 17, 2015.

Mary Picariello, CMR/CTC
Acting Township Clerk