

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #2015-237**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD IN RESPONSE  
TO THE WHARTON STATE FOREST MOTORIZED ACCESS PLAN  
("M.A.P.")**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, State Park Service, has prepared a proposed Wharton State Forest Motorized Access Plan ("M.A.P.") which identifies certain routes and areas previously opened to the public to now be closed to vehicular and motorized access; and

**WHEREAS**, while the overall stated purpose of the proposed M.A.P. is acknowledged to preserve and protect the natural environment of the Wharton State Forest, before proceeding with implementing the M.A.P., there appears to be legitimate concerns raised by many responsible parties who utilize the Wharton State Forest for lawful permitted activities and which use several of the areas and routes proposed to be restricted from vehicular and motorized access; and

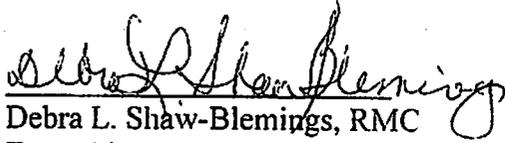
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford believe that reconsideration should be given to the proposed M.A.P. to address these legitimate concerns.

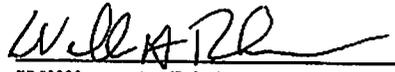
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, that it hereby requests the NJDEP and State Park Service to delay any implementation of the presently proposed M.A.P. until sufficient public comment is received and accepted in order for a compromise to be reached to represent a more adaptable M.A.P. which continues to permit vehicle and motorized access to many areas and routes that have always been open to responsible public use and that restrictions on limiting vehicle and motorized access only be applied to the more sensitive of natural resource areas.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford strongly urge that the NJDEP and the State Forest Service emphasize enhanced enforcement of the existing regulations established to protect and preserve the Wharton State Forest.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution is authorized to be sent to the 8<sup>th</sup> District State Legislatures and Office of the Governor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution will take effect immediately upon adoption.

  
 Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC  
 Township Clerk

  
 William A. Richardson, Jr.  
 Mayor

Adopted: September 9, 2015

	YEATMAN	CHIDDENTON	FERGUSON	CAMPBELL	RICHARDSON
YES	X	X	X	X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					

### CERTIFICATION

I, Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Township Clerk of the Township of Waterford, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee at its Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2015, at the at the Waterford Township Municipal Building, 2131 Auburn Avenue, Atco, New Jersey.

  
 Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC  
 Township Clerk