

**RESOLUTION DENYING THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE FOR BLOCK 5, LOT 1  
– THOMPSON/PRINCETON RESEARCH LANDS TRACT**

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2022, a public hearing was held pursuant to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), Green Acres Program (“Green Acres”) regulations, N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 *et seq.*, regarding the proposed change of use of approximately 38 of 152.6 acres of Block 5, Lot 1 in the Township of Robbinsville, also known as the Thompson/Princeton Research Lands Tract (“Property”), from farmland to outdoor athletic fields; and

**WHEREAS**, this change of use was requested by the Robbinsville Township School District (“District”) to allow the Property, located adjacent to Robbinsville High School, to be converted into athletic fields to be used on a non-exclusive basis by the District under lease from the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council and Administration heard a presentation from the District as well as from several Robbinsville residents and others over the course of the 1.5 hour hearing regarding the pros and cons of the proposed change of use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council and Administration considered all of the information presented at the hearing as well as all of the comments that were received at the hearing and during the public comment period; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the aforementioned information and comments, the Township Council and Administration believe that the District has not shown a current and immediate need justifying the change of use of 38 acres of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Township Council and Administration that the District’s request to change the use of 38 acres of the Property should be denied;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Robbinsville, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, with the support of the Township Administration, does hereby deny the proposed change of use of 38 of 152.6 acres of Block 5, Lot 1 in the Township of Robbinsville, also known as the Thompson/Princeton Research Lands Tract, from farmland to outdoor athletic fields as requested by the Robbinsville Township School District.

I certify this to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Robbinsville at a meeting held on January 26, 2023.



Michele Seigfried, Municipal Clerk