

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #18-75

APPROVING COST SHARE FOR THE MICHISK FARM (BLOCK 12, LOT 8)

WHEREAS, there are certain properties within the Township of Raritan for which the owners have filed applications to place their properties within the farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board informed the Township that the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board has received a farmland preservation application from Robert Michisk (owner) for the preservation of Block 12, Lot 8 located at approximately 95 Rake Road within the Township of Raritan, (also known as the Michisk Farm), which property is contained in Raritan Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant List of Farms; and

WHEREAS, the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) certified fair market value of the development easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-7.14 at \$7,900.00 per acre on February 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the landowner accepted the SADC's Certified Market Value offer of \$7,900.00 per acre. The estimated cost sharing breakdown for the acquisition of the development easement is as follows (based on an estimated 48 acres), subject to:

- (a) The actual acreage to be covered by the development easement per the final survey which conforms to the farmland preservation program requirements.
- (b) Any additional adjustments pursuant to State statute, rule, regulation or policy:

State Agricultural Development Committee (\$4,850.00/acre; 60% of total estimated cost)	\$232,800.00
Hunterdon County (\$1,525.00/acre; 20% of total estimated cost)	\$73,200.00
Franklin Township (\$1,525.00/acre; 20% of total estimated cost within Township)	\$66,337.00
Raritan Township (\$1,525.00/acre; 20% of total estimated cost within Township)	\$6,863.00
TOTAL:	\$379,200.00

WHEREAS, the application states that Block 12, Lot 8 consists of approximately 4.5 gross acres subject to the final surveyed acreage, which are proposed to be preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan desires to adopt this Resolution to approve of said preservation and to agree to cost share with the State Agricultural Development Committee and the Hunterdon County Development Board for the purchase of a farmland preservation easement on approximately 4.5 +/- ac portion of Block 12, Lot 8.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Raritan approves of the application for a farmland preservation easement on approximately 4.5 +/- ac portion of Block 12, Lot 8 as proposed by the owner within the Township of Raritan, and further agrees to cost share with the County of Hunterdon and the New Jersey SADC for the purchase of the same, subject to the Owner entering into a contract with the County of Hunterdon for the sale of the development easement, and both the County's and the SADC's approval of the cost share for the same, at the purchase price determined by the Certified Market Value.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the County Agriculture Development Board for its information and records.

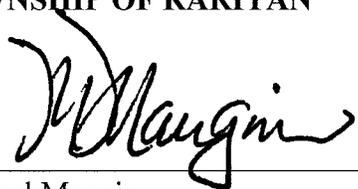
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**



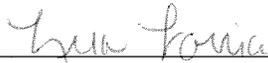
Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk



Michael Mangin
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on March 20, 2018.



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk