

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2026-019

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath hat the following resolution be adopted:

**ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION
SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PURSUANT TO 2023 NJ
REVISED STATUTES, TITLE 13, § 13:8C-53A, FOR OPEN SPACE
ACQUISITION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona has previously obtained a Green Acres grant of \$1,900,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s):

0720-21-001 Verona Open Space Acquisition and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona desires to further the public interest by requesting an additional Green Acres grant of \$2,726,000 to fund the project(s); and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the supplemental funding request is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body that:


1. Kevin O'Sullivan or the successor to the office of Township Manager is hereby authorized to:
 - (a) request such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - (b) provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant.
2. The applicant agrees to provide the local government/nonprofit share if a match is required.
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2026.


**JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

