

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 194-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 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 Council of the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, this 2nd day of September, 2015, 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.

**FURTHER**, we urge the New Jersey State Legislature and the Governor to take whatever action is necessary to discontinue the M.A.P. and reopen the affected roadways through the Wharton State Forest as soon as possible.

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

**PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

I herein certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the governing body of Pemberton Township on September 2, 2015.

  
Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk