

RESOLUTION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

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 site to name just a few, **and;**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Wharton State Forest recently began implementation of the "Wharton State Forest Motorized Action Plan (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;**

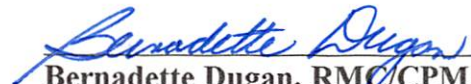
WHEREAS, the effect of the road closures will be to deny access for thousands of elderly and handicapped residents, as well as others, to vast areas of the Wharton State Forest that have been accessible to the public since the State owned the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst 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.

FURTHERMORE, 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 Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this executed resolution to our State legislators and Governor Christie.

I, Bernadette Dugan, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at the regular meeting held on September 17, 2015.


Bernadette Dugan, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk