

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 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 Council of the Township of Manchester this 14th day of September 2015, strongly opposes 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.

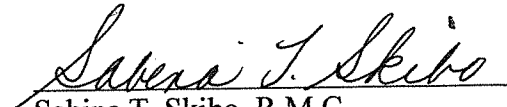
FURTHER, we urge the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor to take whatever action is necessary to discontinue the M.A.P and reopen the affected roadways through the Wharton State Forest as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this executed resolution to:

1. New Jersey State Legislature
2. 9th and 10th Legislative District
3. Governor Chris Christie

CERTIFICATION

I, Sabina T. Skibo, Township Clerk of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council at a meeting held on the 14th day of September 2015.


Sabina T. Skibo, R.M.C.
Township Clerk