

**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE WHALE POND BROOK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Ocean to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whale Pond Brook watershed is a body of water that begins in Tinton Falls and continues to the Atlantic Ocean through Eatontown, Ocean Township, West Long Branch and Long Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers from Tinton Falls, Eatontown, Ocean Township, West Long Branch and Long Branch have been working together to help restore the Whale Pond Brook watershed, including Takanassee Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean Township staff officials, Environmental Commission and Green Team members have been working to enhance the watershed along with the aforementioned volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association has a vision to restore the eroded banks and improve water quality in the Whale Pond Brook watershed and be able to walk along the greenway from its source to the ocean. The greenway and water body would become an attraction for residents and tourists alike with its beautiful hike from the Whale Pond Preserve to the ocean and include historic sites like the 100-year-old Ross Island cottage, the old Brinley grist mill site, the Woodrow Wilson Hall at Monmouth University and beautiful Takanassee Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, a Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association was duly incorporated in NJ on July 21, 2011 to improve, restore and enhance the watershed and requests all aforementioned municipal stakeholders join as formally supporting members so that our efforts are unified and formalized over the entire watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association believes we found a way to make the dream possible through various grants but the grants require that a partnership be formed. Such grants are exemplified through the EPA 2011 Urban Small Waters Grant:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth, that we hereby approve membership in the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association to support watershed restoration efforts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association
2. Environmental Commission

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Siciliano	Councilman Evans	Councilman Garofalo	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Larkin
Motion To Approve					
Motion to Second					
Approved					
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

**CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Ocean Governing Body at their meeting held on **January 25, 2012.***

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 Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC  
 Township Clerk