



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: May 6, 2026 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Awarding a Professional Services Contract to The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to provide the Update of Ocean County's 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. (PP2026-57)

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Meeting Date	05/06/2026
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Agenda Item	n-2
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Purchase Req. #	PP2026-57
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

May 6, 2026

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Ocean County Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan was completed to provide a vision and strategy for the preservation of agricultural resources throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an update to the Plan is needed in order to ensure that it remains relevant and that it can continue to be utilized as an effective planning tool in the preservation of farmland in Ocean County; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2026, the County of Ocean publicly solicited a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Update of Ocean County's 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, five (5) non-profit organizations and firms responded with written proposals, fee schedules, and associated documentation; and

WHEREAS, the responses were reviewed by an Evaluation Committee in accordance with the criteria approved by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Planning Department and the Consultant Selection Review Committee have recommended that an Agreement for the Update of Ocean County's 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan be awarded to The Land Conservancy of New Jersey on the basis of the quality of their proposal and the cost of the same as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, funding shall be made available from the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Account No. 225-155-0151, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County may be eligible to receive grant funding from the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible costs not to exceed a maximum of \$30,000.00 to aid in the creation of the Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay to Play" Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute an agreement with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, 19 Boonton Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005 for the Update of Ocean County's 2008 Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan with funding available in the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Account No. 225-155-0151, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
2. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents required to submit and receive grant funding for updating the Plan from the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC).
3. This agreement is awarded as a Professional Services Contract in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, as the services required in connection with this agreement are specialized and qualitative in nature and constitute professional services.

4. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
5. The contract number must be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to this agreement.
6. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the fully executed Agreement, shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners during normal business hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Auditor, Purchasing Department, Finance Department, Planning Department, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.