

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #R-12-04-18-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATERLOO TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JACKSON COUNTY PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM

Whereas, protecting agriculture and farmland is important to our community, contributing to our quality of life and enhancing our unique sense of place, and

Whereas, agriculture and farming land are valuable natural, economic and aesthetic resources that provides benefits to the residents of Waterloo Township and the greater Jackson County area, and

Whereas, development pressure threatens the long term viability of these agricultural resources, and

Whereas, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance that establishes a program to help county landowners and local units of government protect valuable agricultural lands, and

Whereas, the Jackson County Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance is consistent with state and federal law, and has been accepted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as qualifying Jackson County to apply for funding to support the Purchase of Development Rights, and

Whereas, according to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board a local unit of government must pass a resolution authorizing participation in the county program in order for local land owners to qualify for funding under the state agricultural preservation program, and

Whereas, the Jackson County Purchase of Development Rights program requires local unit of government approval of landowners applications to the county program, and that the land protected under such a program must be consistent with local comprehensive plans and policies, and

Whereas, Waterloo Township has completed the planning requirements necessary to be included within the Jackson County Purchase of Development Rights Program and supported by the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Waterloo authorizes participation in the County Purchase of Development Rights Program in order to make potential Michigan Agricultural Preservation funding available to landowners within Waterloo Township.

Date Adopted: April 18, 2012 Board Meeting

Those voting Yes: Richardson, Parks, Kitley, Lance, Leal Those voting No: None

Waterloo Township Clerk Janice M. Kitley: Janice M. Kitley
