

**AGENDA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ 07066  
February 21, 2012  
7:30 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Albanese _____	Councilman Mazzarella _____
Councilman Barr _____	Councilman O'Connor _____
Councilman Kazanowski _____	Councilman Toal _____
	Council President Whiting _____

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: MOMENT OF SILENCE**

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and NJTODAY.NET, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

Regular Order of Business suspended to recognize the 2011 Clark Pop Warner Pee Wee Football Team

Resume the Regular Order of Business

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:**

**Mayor:**

**Township Officers:** Police and Fire Reports for the month of January 2012 as well as the 2011 Annual Health Status Report have been received and are on file in the Clerk's office

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, CHAPTER 325, ARTICLE V THEREOF, ENTITLED LIMOUSINES, TO CHANGE THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE**

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee will give a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through February 16, 2012 in the amount of \$307,226.50

**CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:**

Each person addressing the Council shall first give his/her name and address to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 10 minutes in duration.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 2. Council as the Board of Health: Accepting and approving the 2011 Annual Health Status Report**

3. Authorizing the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Developer's Agreement with Target Corporation
4. Authorizing execution of the letter to State Senators, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen in the action entitled NJDEP v. Occidental Chemical Corporation, et al
5. Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,154,562.00
6. Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Sewer Utility in the amount of \$2,742,353.00
7. Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Swim Pool Utility in the amount of \$20,000.00

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

8. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$14,039.09
9. Establishing the price of \$100.00 for the purchase of the pamphlet form of Chapter 195 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled Land Use and Development
10. Supporting, in concept, the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative to promote efforts to restore and protect the river as outlined in the Sustainable Raritan River Action Plan

**NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Each person addressing the Council shall first give his/her name and address to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 10 minutes in duration.

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

INTRO 1

Introduced: February 21, 2012 Public Hearing: March 19, 2012

Motion: O'Connor Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: Mazzarella Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK,  
CHAPTER 325, ARTICLE V THEREOF, ENTITLED LIMOUSINES, TO CHANGE  
THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, as follows:

Section 1. Sections 325-32A and 325-32B of Chapter 325, Taxicabs and Limousines are hereby amended to change the fees of \$60.00 for a limousine license, \$20.00 for a limousine driver's permit and \$10.00 for an insurance certificate to read as follows:

§ 325-32 Fees

The fee for a Limousine License shall be payable to the Township in accordance with the fees as set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:16-17, as said Statute may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Effective date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Effective Date:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC**  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SHEILA WHITING**  
Council President

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**SALVATORE BONACCORSO**  
Mayor

Ord12/2-21AmendCh325LimousineFees  
Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese \_\_\_\_\_  
Barr \_\_\_\_\_  
Kazanowski \_\_\_\_\_  
Mazzarella \_\_\_\_\_  
O'Connor \_\_\_\_\_  
Toal \_\_\_\_\_  
Whiting \_\_\_\_\_

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TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
February 21, 2012

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 8, Chapter 52 entitled "Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health." the Clark Township Health Department hereby submits the 2011 Annual Health Status Report for acceptance and approval by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body sitting as the Board of Health has reviewed the report and is in agreement with its contents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby accepts and approves the 2011 Annual Health Status Report for presentation to the residents of Clark in compliance with the New Jersey Administrative Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of said report are available online at [www.ourclark.com](http://www.ourclark.com) and in the Clerk's office, at no charge.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21AnnualHealthReport

Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
February 21, 2012

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Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Developer's Agreement with Target Corporation, 1000 Nicollet Mall, TPN 12M, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21TargetDevAgrmnt

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Albanese	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kazanowski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mazzarella	_____	_____	_____	_____
O'Connor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Toal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whiting	_____	_____	_____	_____

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TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
February 21, 2012

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LETTER TO STATE SENATORS, ASSEMBLYMEN AND ASSEMBLYWOMEN IN THE ACTION ENTITLED NJDEP v. OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, ET AL.**

**WHEREAS** certain claims have been asserted against the Township of Clark in the action entitled NJDEP v. Occidental Chemical Corporation, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-9868-05 pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County (the "Litigation") regarding alleged environmental contamination at the lower 17 miles of the Passaic River, Newark Bay, the lower reaches of the Hackensack River, the Arthur Kill, the Kill Van Kull, and into adjacent waters and sediments (the "Newark Bay Complex"); and

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "State of New Jersey") commenced the present litigation on or around December 13, 2005, suing defendants, Occidental Chemical Corporation, Tierra Solutions, Inc., Maxus Energy Corporation, Repsol YPF, S.A., YPF Holdings, Inc. and CLH Holding (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Tierra-Maxus Defendants"); and

**WHEREAS** the State of New Jersey's Complaint seeks to recover from the Tierra-Maxus Defendants past and future cleanup and removal costs, as well as unspecified economic damages, punitive damages, damages for alleged "unjust enrichment," penalties and a variety of other forms of relief purportedly arising from the alleged discharges into the Passaic River of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (a form of dioxin referred to as "TCDD") and other unspecified "hazardous substances" from a plant that operated at 80 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey for approximately twenty years before the plant was closed in 1969; and

**WHEREAS** in its Complaint, the State has alleged that as a direct result of the Tierra-Maxus Defendants' intentional releases and discharges into the Passaic River, and the Tierra-Maxus Defendants' subsequent practice of obfuscation and delay for another twenty-plus years, TCDD has migrated throughout Newark Bay Complex; and

**WHEREAS** on or around February 4, 2009, defendants, Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. filed a third-party complaint against approximately eighty-five (85) municipalities and public entities including the Township of Clark for contribution towards the cleanup and removal costs that Maxus and Tierra have incurred or will incur in the future relating to the Newark Bay Complex; and

**WHEREAS** certain Third-Party Defendant municipalities and public entities including the Township of Clark, are members of a group known as the Municipal Group in the Litigation; and

**WHEREAS** the Township has incurred and continues to incur significant legal and transactional fees in connection with this Litigation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Clark as follows:

1. The Township is hereby authorized and directed to sign the signature pages of the Letter to its State Senator, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen, which will be adopted in substantially the form contained in the draft copy on file, and thereafter immediately transmit the said signature pages to Peter J. King, Esq. Liaison Counsel for the Municipal Group.

2. The resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

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SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21AuthorizeletterNJDEPvOccidental

Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
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Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING  
AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20  
CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS** an emergent condition has arisen due to the anticipated delay in the adoption of the 2012 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2012 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on the attached page; and

**WHEREAS** the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2012 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,154,562.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on the attached page in the amount of \$5,154,562.00; and
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided in the 2012 budget under the headings as specified on the attached page.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21BudgetTempEmerg-Current	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Albanese	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kazanowski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mazzarella	_____	_____	_____	_____
O'Connor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Toal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whiting	_____	_____	_____	_____

<b>CLARK TOWNSHIP</b>			
<b>EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET</b>			
<b>Dept#</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>
20-100	Administration	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
20-110	Mayor's Office	22,000.00	22,000.00
20-111	Municipal Council	18,000.00	23,000.00
20-120	Clerk	70,000.00	70,000.00
20-121	Clerk - Elections	-	-
20-130	Financial Administration	100,000.00	140,000.00
20-145	Revenue Administration	18,000.00	23,000.00
20-150	Tax Assessor	12,000.00	27,000.00
20-155	Legal Services	8,000.00	48,000.00
20-165	Engineering Services	-	50,000.00
21-180	Planning Board	2,000.00	14,000.00
21-185	Board of Adjustment	2,000.00	5,000.00
22-195	Code Enforcement	90,000.00	110,000.00
23-210	Ins & Bonding	-	100,000.00
23-220	Health Benefits	-	100,000.00
23-222	Life Insurance	-	2,000.00
23-223	Disability	-	18,000.00
25-240	Police	1,015,000.00	1,115,000.00
25-250	911	300,000.00	318,000.00
25-252	Emergency Management	2,000.00	8,000.00
25-260	Contribution: Emergency Squad	-	-
25-265	Public Safety	-	-
25-266	Fire Bureau	5,000.00	81,000.00
25-267	Fire Hydrant	-	100,000.00
25-268	Fire Prevention	46,000.00	48,000.00
26-290	Streets and Roads	200,000.00	260,000.00
26-291	Traffic Light Expense	-	-
26-305	Grass	-	25,000.00
26-306	Leaves	-	10,000.00
26-307	Recycling	-	20,000.00
26-308	Cleanup	-	15,000.00
26-310	Building and Grounds	53,000.00	123,000.00
26-313	Shade Tree	-	-
26-325	Municipal Services Act	-	30,000.00
27-330	Public Health Services	25,000.00	30,000.00
27-331	Senior Citizens	10,000.00	14,000.00
27-335	Environmental Commission	-	100.00
27-340	Contribution: Dog Regulation	-	5,500.00
27-365	Contribution: Visiting Nurse	-	1,100.00

<b>CLARK TOWNSHIP</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET</b>				
<b>DEPT#</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
28-370	Recreation	45,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
29-390	Municipal Library Maintenance	-	200,000.00	200,000.00
30-411	LOSAP		50,000.00	50,000.00
30-415	Reserve for Comp. Absenses		25,000.00	25,000.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
31-430	Utilities Expenses		85,000.00	85,000.00
31-435	Street Lighting	-	70,000.00	70,000.00
31-440	Utilities - Telephone	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
31-460	Utilities - Gasoline	-	135,000.00	135,000.00
32-465	Recycling Tax		100.00	100.00
36-471	PERS	-	380,961.00	380,961.00
36-472	Social Security - FICA	-	160,000.00	160,000.00
36-475	PFRS	-	838,006.00	838,006.00
36-476	Unemployment Comp.	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
36-477	DCRP	-	500.00	500.00
42-102	Interlocal Svc-Bd of Ed	-	-	-
43-490	Municipal Court	60,000.00	5,000.00	65,000.00
45-935	Interest on Notes	-	20,295.00	20,295.00
		\$ 2,161,000.00	\$ 2,993,562.00	\$ 5,154,562.00

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING  
AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20  
SEWER UTILITY**

**WHEREAS** an emergent condition has arisen due to the anticipated delay in the adoption of the 2012 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2012 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on the attached page; and

**WHEREAS** the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2012 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$2,742,353.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on the attached page in the amount of \$2,742,353.00; and
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided in the 2012 budget under the headings as specified on the attached page.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21BudgetTempEmerg-Sewer  
Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____

**Township of Clark  
Emergency Temporary – 2012**

**2012 Budget**

Sewer Utility

Other Expenses:  
Acct # 55-504      Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority      \$2,742,353.00

Total      \$2,742,353.00

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING  
AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20  
SWIM POOL UTILITY**

**WHEREAS** an emergent condition has arisen due to the anticipated delay in the adoption of the 2012 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2012 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on the attached page; and

**WHEREAS** the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2012 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$20,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on the attached page in the amount of \$20,000.00; and
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided in the 2012 budget under the headings as specified on the attached page.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21BudgetTempEmerg-Pool	
	Aye Nay Abstain Absent
Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____

**Township of Clark  
Emergency Temporary – 2012**

**2012 Budget**

**Swim Pool Utility**

Other Expenses: Acct # 55-502	Pool Maintenance	\$20,000.00
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Total		<u>\$20,000.00</u>
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TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
February 21, 2012

CA 8

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2010, 2011 and 2012 taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following refunds:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND	YEAR
11	8		Meek, Larry G.	20	Locust Grove Drive	2865.97	2011
60	39		Sandra Pereira	26	Janie Lane	1253.36	2010
63	22		Mr. & Mrs. Corcoran	41	Dawn Drive	1747.69	2011
80	4		Mr. & Mrs. Piazza	103	Richard Street	278.24	2011
84	14		Mr. & Mrs. DeOliveira	56	Kathryn Street	1950.06	2010
96	2		Mr. & Mrs. Parisi	10	Gloria Street	125.00	2011
165	29.03		Michael & Jean Leone	39	Emerson Road	224.12	2011
180	21		Mr. & Mrs. Origliato	114	Delia Terrace	1679.44	2010
196	1		Genevieve Stives	6	Coldevln Road	30.00	2011
152	10		Patricia Cornacchia	45	Florence Drive	87.56	2010
85	20		Joseph Paiva	96	Ivy Street	619.17	2012
126	18		Mary Carlin	128	Nassau Street	189.71	2011
33.11	8		Tony D Amico	64	White Place	2,753.37	2011
48.01	14		Barbara Arnold	1178	Lake Ave Unit 5	235.40	2011
<b>TOTAL REFUNDS</b>						<b>\$14,039.09</b>	

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21TaxRefunds

Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____

CA 9

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
February 21, 2012

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body recognizes that copies of certain chapters of the Code of the Township of Clark are desired for purchase by members of the general public; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body wishes to make copies of Chapter 195 entitled Land Use and Development, of the Code of the Township of Clark available to members of the general public for sale in pamphlet form; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body wishes to establish a price for the sale of copies of such pamphlet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said pamphlet copies of Chapter 195 of the Code of the Township of Clark shall be available for sale to members of the general public at the price of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per pamphlet.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21	Code	Pamphlet	Price	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Albanese				_____	_____	_____	_____
Barr				_____	_____	_____	_____
Kazanowski				_____	_____	_____	_____
Mazzarella				_____	_____	_____	_____
O'Connor				_____	_____	_____	_____
Toal				_____	_____	_____	_____
Whiting				_____	_____	_____	_____

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

February 21, 2012

CA 10

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF CLARK, NJ TO SUPPORT IN CONCEPT  
THE SUSTAINABLE RARITAN RIVER INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS** the Raritan River is an asset to the region and to Clark and it would benefit the community to increase awareness and use of the River via local access points and trails; and

**WHEREAS** upgrades to current river access points are desirable and the need for ongoing plans for development of future recreational uses are of value to Clark; and

**WHEREAS** protection and preservation of habitat and biodiversity in our river ecosystem will provide recreational and natural assets to Clark; and

**WHEREAS** the goals of restoration, rehabilitation and regeneration of compromised area of lands in public ownership will benefit present and future residents; and

**WHEREAS** best management practices for habitat enhancement in the maintenance and management of open space are available and when applied would benefit various departments of Clark government, and the quality of life to all Clark residents; and

**WHEREAS** properties that are deemed brownfields because they are contaminated, abandoned or underutilized, detract from the economic vitality of active businesses, and need attention to be remediated and returned to valued uses; and

**WHEREAS** practices to prevent future pollution are known and could be applied for the benefit of Clark management operations, and the residents of the county; and

**WHEREAS** stormwater runoff is a significant contribution to flooding, solid waste and streets in Clark, and further damages the Raritan River, and the Raritan River Action Plan (Reclaiming the Raritan: a Restoration and Sustainable Reuse Plan) encourages improvement in this area; and

**WHEREAS** the overall restoration and protection of the watershed area that provides water to the Clark residents and the Raritan River should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** redevelopment needs to provide economic benefits without further damaging, and ideally restoring, the ecology of the Raritan River and Clark.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby supports in concept the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, and work as an active member of the Raritan River Collaborative to promote efforts to restore and protect the River in accordance with the goals as outlined in the Sustainable Raritan River Action Plan.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
SHEILA WHITING  
Council President

Res12/2-21 Sustainable Raritan River Initiative  
Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Albanese	_____
Barr	_____
Kazanowski	_____
Mazzarella	_____
O'Connor	_____
Toal	_____
Whiting	_____