

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

2648-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY TASK FORCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAHWAY RIVER CORRIDOR STUDY

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will create a Task Force concerning the future development and implementation of the Rahway River Corridor Study which will provide advice to the Township Committee and its subcommittees for the implementation of the recommendations of the Rahway River Corridor Study.

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood has commissioned a study to enhance transportation and the environment along the Rahway River; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood has commissioned the preparation of the Rahway River Corridor Study with Edgewater Design LLC which was completed in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood has received funding from ANJEC for the preparation of the Corridor Study; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood wishes to evaluate and implement the recommendations in the study where practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood there is a need to prepare a long term plan for the implementation of the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST:

1. There is established a Task Force concerning the future development and implementing the Rahway River Corridor Study;
2. The Task Force shall be comprised of:

- a. One member of the Township Committee who shall serve as chair and liaison to the Township Committee;
 - b. Seven members to be appointed by the Township Committee. The Committee will endeavor to utilize the vast array of talent in the Township. It is desirable that the individuals appointed have skills in planning, recreation, environment, transportation, historic preservation among other experience;
3. The Task Force may call upon, for advice and input, representatives of the Township Staff. These will not be voting members and may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Recreation Department
 - b. Grant Writer
 - c. Engineering
4. The Task Force may call upon, for advice and input, others outside the Township as needed. These will not be voting members and may include but are not limited to:
 - a. representatives of Edgewater Design LLC.
 - b. representatives of Urbana, Inc., preparer of the Bikeway Network study
5. The mission of the Task Force shall be to provide advice to the P&E Committee and ultimately the Township Committee on information, budgets, and a timeline for implementing the recommendations of the above study, including the following:
 - a. Provide advice on the preparation of a schedule for implementation of the recommendations of the Rahway River Corridor Study and the Maplewood Bikeway Network along the river corridor. The initial target is 10 years from the completion of the Task Force=s duties. The final recommendation for the timeline is to be determined by the Task Force.
 - b. Identify the budgetary costs for each of the recommendations to be implemented.
 - c. Identify funding sources for the implementation of the recommendations.
 - d. Identify environmental and other regulatory issues for implementing the recommendations.
 - e. Identify a mechanism(s) for working with and negotiating with property owners whose lands may be needed to implement the recommendations.
6. The Task Force shall meet and organize within thirty (30) days hereof of final adoption of this ordinance;

7. The Task Force shall deliver its report in writing to the Township Committee no later than December 31, 2011.
8. The Task Force shall be dissolved no later than December 31, 2012.

SECOND: Severability

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

THIRD: Repeal of Prior Ordinances

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

FOURTH: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on November 1, 2010, and that Committee met again on November 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

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Deputy Township Clerk