

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2024-150

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

**REQUESTING THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE PLANNING
BOARD DENY THE APPLICATION OF WEST ESSEX HIGHLANDS LLC**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona has reviewed the preliminary and final site plan application of West Essex Highlands LLC, for Block 179, Lot 32, Warner Road, West Orange; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes the construction of 496 residential units on a parcel which is comprised of approximately 120 acres of undeveloped woodlands; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will impact the Township of Verona based on the changes in land cover and runoff that will discharge towards Verona and the Peckman River and will have a significant environmental impact based upon the removal of trees; and

WHEREAS, some of the Township's concerns are outline in the attached July 26, 2024, correspondence of Paul W. Ferriero, PE, CME of Boswell Engineering; and

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate against the high probability of increase flooding caused by the development (if approved), the Township requests that the application be reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure the latest and most up to date storm water management rules and regulations are implemented and applied to the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township also requests that the applicant is required to address the concerns raised in Mr. Ferriero's July 26, 2024 correspondence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon the Township of West Orange Planning Board as well as the West Orange Mayor and Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is respectfully requested that the Township of West Orange Planning Board **DENY** the application of West Essex Highlands LLC.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.


**JENNIFER KIERNAN, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

