

Introduced by: Mr. Bell,
Ms. Kilpatrick,
Mr. Sheldon
Date of Introduction: March 10, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-060

URGING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO IMMEDIATELY ASSESS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE PORT PENN CORRIDOR AND TO THEREBY INCREASE LAND PRESERVATION IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, there are 10 park planning districts situated within New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, it is commonly understood that 3 of the 10 park planning districts are currently underserved; and

WHEREAS, there is a 243 acre farm on Port Penn Road (the "Property") which, if purchased by New Castle County, could help address the above issue by bringing park districts closer to the national standard of a minimum of 10 acres of parkland per 1000 people; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the Port Penn corridor, which is roundly considered as ripe for preservation; and

WHEREAS, preserving the 243 acres on the Property is likely to ultimately save a potential future development from destruction as a result of sea rise; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to hundreds of acres of Delaware Wildlands property; and

WHEREAS, the Property is just becoming available and should be negotiated immediately as a strategic and proactive purchase by New Castle County to preserve this land for the good of the public; and

WHEREAS, the negotiation and ultimate purchase of this land is timely as it can be integrated into the ongoing discussions for and refinements to the Southern New Castle County Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for County Council of New Castle County hereby urges the Administration to contact the owners of the Property known as 950 Port Penn Rd., consisting of Parcel Numbers 1300900055, 1301400038, and 1301400038MA001 to immediately assess and consider negotiations for the purchase of the Property, and to thereby potentially increase land preservation in New Castle County.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

President of County Council of
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: By way of this Resolution, New Castle County Council hereby urges the Administration to contact the owners of the Property known as 950 Port Penn Rd., consisting of Parcel Numbers 1300900055, 1301400038, and 1301400038MA001 to immediately assess and consider negotiations for the purchase of the Property, and to thereby potentially increase land preservation in New Castle County.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact upon approval of this Resolution.