

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-023**

A motion was made by Mayor Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland that the following resolution be adopted:

**ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST  
FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR  
EVERETT FIELD PLAYGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$674,400.00, in the form of a \$674,400.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Everett Field ADA Completely Inclusive Playground at a cost of \$899,200.00.

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey that:

1. Joseph D'Arco or the successor to the office of the Township Manager is hereby authorized to:
  - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
  - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
  - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$224,800.00;
3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, Tamburro

**NAYS:** McEvoy

**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 JANUARY 22, 2024.**

  
**JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

