

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 17-171

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NAVESINK RIVER MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE AND THEIR PARTNERS

Councilman Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its approval:

WHEREAS the Navesink River is an essential economic, social, and environmental driver in the Two Rivers Region, and provides for unparalleled aesthetic, recreational, and commercial value; and

WHEREAS the Navesink River is listed as impaired on the US Environmental Protection Agency's 303(d) List of Impaired Waterways (as required by the Clean Water Act) for primary contact recreation, shellfishing, and dissolved oxygen; and

WHEREAS the Navesink River has a decade long history of both innovative and collaborative watershed focused remediation work, and pathogen pollution impacts; and

WHEREAS the continued impacts of pathogen pollution within the Navesink River detract from the ability of our communities and citizens to enjoy and profit from the River including the recent downgrade of over 565 acres of shellfishing area by the NJDEP; and

WHEREAS the Navesink River Municipalities Committee has committed itself to the protection, rehabilitation, and enjoyment of the River, and; and

WHEREAS the Navesink River Municipalities Committee is the preeminent liaison between citizens and local governance, and is tasked with facilitating the dispersal of information, action updates, and data between citizens, local and State Government, and environmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Red Bank is a leader in the effort to "find and fix" any damaged infrastructure, illegal connection or human impact that negatively effects the Navesink River through source tracking efforts, sampling and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Red Bank has committed to work with the Navesink River Municipalities Committee and other groups that champion their mission to protect, rehabilitate and enjoy the Navesink River including New Jersey Clean Ocean Action, members of "Rally for the Navesink" and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Red Bank reaffirms its support and commitment to the Navesink River Municipalities Committee, New Jersey Clean Ocean Action, members of "Rally for the Navesink" and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in their efforts to protect, rehabilitate and enjoy the Navesink River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Red Bank, as members of the Navesink River Municipalities Committee commit to:

- Read and abide by the "Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Navesink River Ambient Bacterial Source Trackdown 2017.
- Remain familiar with the QAPP, as well as with any updates or modifications to the QAPP by NJDEP and Clean Ocean Action (in its Project Field Organizer capacity).
- Work to facilitate and support the various components of the QAPP as written, particularly relating to facilitating access to site locations, sample collections and handling, and field management between sampling participants and Municipal entities.
- Fulfill its role as a key entity in this collaborative project to ensure that Municipalities will remain engaged in this trackdown work through continued the attendance of Citizen and

Town Council representatives, and by providing for opportunities for NJDEP, Municipal entities, Clean Ocean Action, and other "Rally for the Navesink" members, to present and disseminate information to the Navesink River Municipalities Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Red Bank affirms its dedication to the goals set forth within the QAPP, and within the charter of the Navesink River Municipalities Committee to improve water quality in the Navesink River, and will leverage these water quality trackdown results to implement best practices, support citizen engagement and community support, and encourage local and State government actions aimed at finding and eliminating sources of pollution that may be uncovered by this project.

Seconded by Councilwoman Schwabenbauer and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yngstrom	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Taylor	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Whelan	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: July 26, 2017

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on July 26, 2017.

Pamela Borghi

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk