

New Jersey Sierra Club
A Resolution Opposing Redevelopment Zone Designation in Franklin Township
(Warren County)

WHEREAS, 380 Bloomsbury Road (Block 58, Lot 1) in Franklin Township, Warren County (commonly known as the Tobias Farm), has been proposed by the Franklin Township governing body to be included in a redevelopment zone, and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1) is “to arrest and reverse conditions of deterioration of housing, commercial and industrial facilities”, and

WHEREAS, the Tobias Farm is prime agricultural land that has been continuously farmed for generations and does not contain any soil contaminants, substandard housing or other facilities, and

WHEREAS, the site is in the Musconetcong River watershed in proximity to the river; and

WHEREAS, the Tobias Farm is near or adjacent to other publicly or privately-owned preserved properties, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club, representing over 200,000 members and supporters in the state, strongly opposes actions by Franklin Township to create a redevelopment zone at the Tobias Farm property, due to the lack of substantive “deterioration” or “underutilization” of the existing property to warrant redevelopment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor Jeff DeAngelis and members of the Franklin Township Committee.

Adopted by the NJ Chapter Executive Committee January 11, 2020