

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

WHEREAS, it is found that there is a need for the protection,  
development or use of natural resources, located within the territorial  
limits of the Township of Woodbridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Municipal Council of  
the Township of Woodbridge as follows:

SECTION 1. CREATION. The Woodbridge Environmental Commission is  
hereby established pursuant to R.S. 40:56A-1 to 40:56A-5.

SECTION 2. MEMBERS. A commission shall consist of seven (7)  
members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall also be a member  
of the planning board, and all of whom shall be Township residents.  
The members shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter  
provided. The Mayor shall designate one of the members to serve  
as Chairman and presiding officer of the commission. The terms  
of office of the first commissioners shall be for 1, 2 or 3 years,  
to be designated by the Mayor in making his appointment and their  
successors shall be appointed for terms and qualification of their  
successors. The first members of the commission shall be appointed  
for the following terms:

2 members for the term expiring December 31, 1973;

2 members for the term expiring December 31, 1974;

3 members for the term expiring December 31, 1975.

The Mayor or governing body of the municipality may remove  
any member of the Commission on written charges served upon the  
member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be  
entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy on the  
commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall  
be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original  
appointment.

SECTION 3. POWERS OF COMMISSION. The Commission shall have the following powers:

- a. To promote the conservation and development of all the natural resources of the Township.
- b. To plan, inform and recommend to the Township and to the public local conservation programs.
- c. To implement conservation programs as authorized by the Township Council.
- d. To compile and keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands.
- e. To conduct research into the possible use of the open areas of the Township.
- f. To recommend to the Planning Board plans and programs for inclusion in a Township master plan and the development and use of such areas.
- g. To advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans, and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes.
- h. To act as the coordinating agency of the community on conservation needs and regional, state and federal agencies ministering to those needs.

SECTION 4. ACQUISITIONS BY COMMISSION. The conservation commission may, subject to the approval of the governing body, acquire property, both real and personal, in the Township by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any of its purposes and shall administer the same for such purposes subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement (including conservation easement), covenant, or other contractual right including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the Township.

SECTION 5. RECORDS AND ANNUAL REPORT. The commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report on or before the first day of February and submit the same to the governing body, which report shall be comprehensive and detailed covering operations, receipts, disbursements and expenditures for the full year.

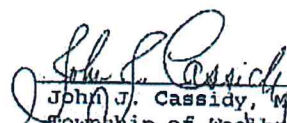
SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The governing body of the municipality may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the conservation commission. The commission may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require, and payment for same shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to the commission.

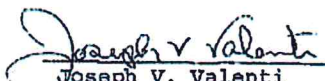
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John J. Cassidy, Mayor  
Township of Woodbridge  
in the County of Middlesex

  
Joseph V. Valenti  
Municipal Clerk

DATED: May 16, 1973