November 2017

Dear Mayor and Council
And/or Environmental Commission:

Water in the right places at the right time is a top priority of any municipality; and it is not an easy task. We can have too much with flooding or too little with drought restrictions. Managing our water resources is complex, yet critical to our individual and community well being. With our populated urban and suburban areas dependent upon the Passaic River Watershed for their drinking waters, clearly our watershed is a natural resource commodity that demands the vigilance of every municipal governing body.

The Passaic River Coalition, in place since 1969, is here to assist you. Flooding, storm water management, sewage, water supply planning and water quality are all intertwined with how our municipalities and environmental commissions oversee water, probably our most precious and vital resource. With our changing climate, more than ever, our communities need collaborative planning, evaluation and implementation of how we best can retain, distribute and preserve our waters.

The Passaic River Coalition actively engages with municipalities within the Passaic River Basin Watershed on various initiatives to protect our drinking waters, improve our water quality, reduce flood damage and restore our water aquifers through land trust stewardship. We promote green infrastructure and natural flood control management. We continue to monitor federal, state and Army Corps of Engineers’ proposals that impact constituents of our watershed. The Passaic River Coalition is here for you as a resource for cutting through any myriad of issues to help your community when it comes to water.

We invite you to contact us as a resource for your environmental commissioners, council and citizenry when any water issues arise. Passaic River Coalition, with its bank of contacts and experts, will help you facilitate what may need to be accomplished.

Our annual municipality dues of $125 will underscore your commitment to the protection of our waterways. The Passaic River Coalition appreciates your financial support to continue our regional mission of water stewardship and to assist you in governance when it comes to water issues within your community.

Sincerely,

Chair, The Board of Trustees
The Passaic River Coalition
BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
NEW JERSEY

Resolution No: 11-217
Date of Adoption: November 6, 2017

TITLE:

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE BOROUGH’S COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events and adverse impacts on ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Caldwell, New Jersey is committed to its future generations of residents as demonstrated by its great schools and continuous improvement to the Township and its facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantages in the range of products, services, and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord (also known as the Paris Agreement) resulted in a commitment from almost every nation in the world to take action and enact programs to limit the global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Caldwell that the Borough of Caldwell:
1. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network (http://climatemayors.org) in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Accord; and

2. Commits to exploring policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action for the Borough; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Donald Trump, Senator Bob Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Governor Chris Christie, State Senator Richard J. Codey, Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey, Assemblyman John F. McKeon, Municipalities in Essex County, and the League of Municipalities.

Ann Dassing, Mayor

Lisa O’Neill, Deputy Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

Councilman presented the following resolution - Seconded by Councilman: Brown