

RESOLUTION 2144

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LOWER MAKEFIELD, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVING THAT TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SHALL ADHERE TO
PROVISIONS OF THE LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP NATIVE PLANT
ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield has undertaken to review and revise the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in order to protect and preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors determined that Native Plants, which are plants and trees that are localized and well-adapted to the soils and climate of the Township, are of substantial aesthetic, economic and ecological benefit to the Township; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2007, the Board of Supervisors enacted a Native Plant Ordinance for the purpose of advancing the aesthetic, economic and ecological benefits of Native Plants by ensuring that plans and projects for subdivisions and land development in the Township utilize Native Plants; and

WHEREAS, even though the Native Plant Ordinance applies by its terms to subdivisions and land development, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of employing the techniques and following the requirements of the Native Plant Ordinance at all properties owned and controlled by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors aims to ensure that the Township advances the goals of the Native Plant Ordinance by resolving to have the Township adhere, to the extent practicable, to the terms of the Native Plant Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve the following:

1. In so far as is practicable, the Township shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that all properties owned or controlled by the Township shall adhere to the terms of and employ the techniques of the Native Plant Ordinance.
2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that replacement of pre-existing, non-native plants on properties owned or controlled by the Township is required or undertaken and suitable alternative or equivalent native plants are not available, the Township may replace such non-native plants with similar, non-invasive varieties of non-native plants.

3. In addition, as pertains to the Garden of Reflection and Memorial Park, all plantings which are of a non-native variety may be replaced by a similar non-native species.

4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

RESOLVED, this 18th day of April, 2007.

**LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: _____
Ronald Smith, Chairman

Steve Santarsiero, Secretary/Treasurer