



**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 08/11/14 07:00 PM

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## 2014 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY AND MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY COMMITTEE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD ACKNOWLEDGING THE HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND RECOGNITION OF THE MORRIS CANAL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Canal ran through the Township of Bloomfield and had a significant impact on the development of the Township and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Canal is of environmental importance because it preserves open space and sections of the canal that lie within the Second River and Third River flood plains provide a buffer to help mitigate flooding; and

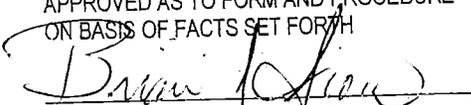
**WHEREAS**, the Collins House and Associated Well are eligible for the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places (ID#1066) and the house and property are contributing resources to the Morris Canal historic district, and two generations of Collins carpenters built bridges aqueducts and the inclined plane that bisected their property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield recognizes the benefits of historic preservation, protection and enhancement of the portions of the Morris Canal still in existence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield recognizes the historical benefits and the importance of acknowledging the Canal in developed areas in the Township in which the Canal was located but it is no longer visible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield recognizes the Morris Canal Greenway supports the goal of the Township's Master Plan of increasing Greenways for open space and recreation; and

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

  
Director of Law - Township Attorney

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Canal is recognized as a cultural resource of National importance by its inclusion on the State and National Register of Historic Places (existing and former bed of the Morris Canal ID#2784); and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Canal was (and is) of great significance to the social and economic development of the Township of Bloomfield and all of the individual municipalities and Counties through which the Canal passes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield understands the historical and educational benefits of taking steps to recognize, preserve, and protect the Township of Bloomfield portion of the Morris Canal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Township hereby creates Article XXIII section 5-121 of the Code of the Township of Bloomfield to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXIII MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY COMMITTEE**

§ 5-121. The Township Council acknowledges the historical, environmental and educational benefits of preserving the Morris Canal and recognizing the Canal's impact on the Township of Bloomfield and its inhabitants. In order to implement the preservation and recognition of the historical, environment and educational benefits of the Morris Canal, the Township of Bloomfield hereby designates the existing and former bed of the Morris Canal as Morris Canal Greenway.

**§ 5-122. Establishment of Morris Canal Greenway Committee.**

There is hereby established the Morris Canal Greenway Committee, which shall consist of five members whose terms and powers are hereinafter set forth and two non-voting advisors (described below).

**§ 5-123. Membership of Committee.**

The Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall be comprised of the following persons:

- A. One member of the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield appointed by the Township Council.
- B. The DPW Director of the Township of Bloomfield appointed by the Township Council.
- C. Three residents of the Township appointed by the Township Council.

D. Two representatives from other organizations that represents active involvement in the preservation of the Morris Canal in New Jersey to serve as advisors (non-voting).

**§ 5-124. Terms of office.**

A. The terms of office for members of the Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall be as follows:

(1) The member of the Township Council appointed to the Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall have a term of three years.

(2) The Township DPW Director shall be appointed for a term of one year.

(3) The two representatives from other organizations that represents active involvement in the preservation of the Morris Canal and shall be appointed for a term of one year.

(4) The three residents of the Township shall be appointed by the Township Council and shall serve for a period of three years, except that the respective terms of office of the originally appointed members shall be as follows:

- (a) One member shall serve for terms of three years.
- (b) One member shall serve for terms of two years.
- (c) One member shall serve for a term of one year.

The initial year of appointment shall count of one year.

B. The term of each member, except for the initial term, shall begin on the first day of January.

**§ 5-125. Powers and duties of Committee.**

A. The powers and duties of the Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall be limited to those enumerated herein. The Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield.

B. The Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall prepare reports and recommendations for actions that the Council should consider implementing to protect and enhance the portions of the Morris Canal still in existence. Furthermore, the Committee shall make recommendations for actions that the Council should consider implementing acknowledging the Canal in developed areas in the Township in which the Canal was located but it is no longer visible.

C. After reviewing the reports and recommendations received by the Morris Canal Greenway Committee, the Township Council may proceed to take the actions recommended subject to the financial constraints established by the Township Council.

D. The Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall hold public meetings in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 104-6 et seq.), and the Committee shall give appropriate notification of said meetings.

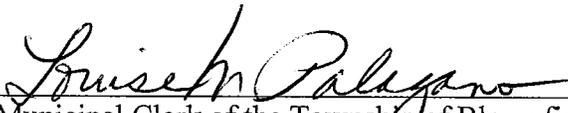
E. The Morris Canal Greenway Committee shall select from among its members a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve for a period of one year, and no Chair or Vice Chair shall serve more than two year consecutive terms. The Committee shall also select a Secretary, whose function shall be to maintain minutes of the Committee's meetings and records of the proceedings of the Committee.

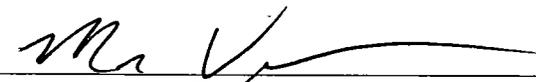
**Section 2.** All ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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