

**Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body**

**Resolution No. 097-25**

**May 12, 2025**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jiang</b>						X
<b>Fox</b>			X			
<b>Marks</b>			X			
<b>Slowikowski</b>			X			
<b>Reiss</b>		X	X			
<b>Collins</b>	X		X			

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF BOND FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTINGS ON STELFOX STREET AND STEWART STREET**

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**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Demarest previously authorized road pavement and street widening projects for Stelfox Street and Stewart Street (collectively the “Roadway Project”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Engineer determined that the Roadway Project, coupled with certain pre-existing hazardous trees, will result in the need to remove certain trees along both Stelfox Street and Stewart Street; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough’s Bond Ordinance number 1087 as amended by 1125 permits the use of Bond funds for the purchase and planting of new trees; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to purchase and plant replacement trees following the removal of any trees which were so removed in connection with the Roadway Project (the “Replacement Trees”); and

**WHEREAS,** the number of trees, species, size, and cost of the Replacement Trees remains unknown pending completion of the Roadway Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough to obtain recommendations from the Borough Engineer and Shade Tree Commission regarding the number of trees, species, size and cost of replacement and to thereafter utilize Bond funds for the purchase and planting of Replacement Trees (the "Recommendations").

**WHEREAS**, the governing body requests that the Shade Tree Commission recommend the most mature trees that can be viable when planted; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Demarest that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to obtain Recommendations from the Borough Engineer and Shade Tree Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator shall thereafter present the Recommendations to the Governing Body for final selection/approval; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon final selection/approval to proceed with the Recommendations, the Borough is hereby authorized to utilize Bond funds with the initial estimated budget not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the purchase and planting of all Replacement Trees referenced herein.

**APPROVED:**



**Brian Bernstein, Mayor**

**CERTIFICATION OF CFO**

I, Peter Suh, do hereby certify the availability of funds for the expenditure referenced herein.



**Peter Suh, CFO**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Julie Falkenstern, Acting Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Demarest, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting on May 12, 2025.



Julie Falkenstern, Acting Borough Clerk