



# TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

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## RESOLUTION NO. 93-22

### RECOMMENDING INVASIVE SPECIES "DO NOT PLANT" LIST

WHEREAS, an "invasive species" is defined as a species that is nonnative (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm; and

WHEREAS, invasive species have significant negative economic, social and ecological impacts which can include, but are not limited to:

- a. Reduction of native biodiversity resulting in reduced ecosystem stability, resilience, and carrying capacity;
- b. Alteration of the regional distinction of flora and fauna; and
- c. Interference with the aesthetics and recreational value of natural areas, parks, and other areas;

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris currently spends tax dollars and the residents of Morris contribute significant volunteer hours on removal of invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, the problems associated with invasive plant species are expected to be exacerbated by global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the economic and environmental damage from invasive species will continue to rise in Morris if local nurseries continue to sell invasive species, and if residents and landscapers continue to plant invasive species on their properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS (the "GOVERNING BODY"):

1. The Governing Body strongly encourages local nurseries to phase out the sale of any plant species appearing on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's Do Not Plant List;
2. The Governing Body strongly encourages all property owners and landscapers to consult the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's Do Not Plant List, and to plant native plant species rather than species on this list for all new plantings in Morris wherever possible;
3. The Governing Body strongly encourages the Recreation Department and Public Works Department to review the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's Do Not Plant List when choosing planting materials for public parks and public spaces, and to not plant any of the species on the list; and
4. The Governing Body strongly encourages the Site Plan Committee of the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission to consult the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's Do Not Plant List when reviewing plans.
5. The Governing Body encourages the Morris Township Environmental Commission to provide educational resources to Morris residents regarding the benefits of planting native species and the costs and environmental impact of invasive species.
6. The Governing Body supports additional action by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to encourage the use of native plant species and to mitigate the impact of the most expensive and environmentally harmful invasive species throughout New Jersey.
7. Copies of this resolution, including the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's Do Not Plant List, will be posted on the Township's website.

I, Danielle M. Lewis, Township Clerk of the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution as adopted by the Governing Body at a Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2022.

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Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk  
Township of Morris, Morris County  
State of New Jersey