

June 16, 2026

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH**

**RESOLUTION 2026-166**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Open Space Program to provide Program Grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County Park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for County recreation and conservation development and maintenance purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Borough of Bradley Beach desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to fund Improvements to Sylvan Lake, 815 Main Street, Avon-by-the-sea, NJ 07717, Block 3 & Lot 3 and Sylvan lake, Block 98 & Lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$2,200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Avon-by-the-sea is the owner of and controls the project site.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BRADLEY BEACH BOROUGH COUNCIL THAT:**

1. **Matthew Doherty**, or his/her successor is authorized to (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Open Space Grants Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality; and
2. The **Borough of Bradley Beach** is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and
3. It is also understood that due to the fact that the Borough of Bradley Beach and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea both share responsibility of Sylvan Lake, there are certain components and maintenance of the lake that are shared by both municipalities equally. It is understood that the installation of sediment filtration devices in both municipalities associated with this project will be shared equally between both municipalities in order to improve the water quality of the lake. This is consistent with the previously agreed equal sharing of costs associated with the lake such as the outlet gate control structure, outfall pipe, and dredging.

4. If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Program and the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and
5. **Matthew Doherty, Borough Administrator** or his/her successor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Funds; and
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ and adopted upon the following vote:

**AYES      NAYS      ABSTAIN      ABSENT**

Ms. DeNoble  
 Ms. Greenblatt  
 Mr. Karp  
 Mr. Nowicki  
 Mayor Gubitosi

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Erica Kostyz, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at the June 16, 2026 Council Business Meeting.

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 Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR  
 Municipal Clerk