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BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD
15 Park Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607

RESOLUTION #198-25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood desires to apply to Sustainable New Jersey in order to earn points towards a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy action; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply to Sustainable New Jersey it is necessary to adopt a resolution approving the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, encourages and promotes measures and initiatives that protect, preserve and enhance the environmental quality and health of the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of the Department of Public Works have reviewed the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy attached hereto and recommend the approval of same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Maywood, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Sustainable New Jersey upon its passage.

Date: July 22, 2025

APPROVED: Richard Bolan
Richard Bolan, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Dispoto
Barbara L. Dispoto, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Mayor Bolan							
Councilmember Bennin			X				
Councilmember Flynn		X	X				
Councilmember Herrick			X				
Councilmember Padovano			X				
Councilmember Ullman			X				
Council President DeMuro	X		X				

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara L. Dispoto, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Maywood 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 of July 22, 2025.

Date: 7/23/25


 Barbara L. Dispoto, RMC/CMC
 Borough Clerk

Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy

The policy encourages and promotes measures and initiatives that protect, preserve, and enhance the environmental quality and health of the residents of the community.

An integrated approach is used, incorporating efficient landscape design, minimization of water consumption, utilization of recycled materials and compost, and implementation of an integrated pest management (IPM) policy.

GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

1. Efficient Landscape Design

- Use native, low maintenance plants when possible (as native species require less maintenance and provide valuable habitat for local wildlife)
- Group plantings according to their water needs.
- Continue to strive for “zero irrigation” by using low-water-use plants when possible
- Design landscaping with stormwater management and energy efficient maintenance in mind while promoting aesthetically pleasing public space. Consider property contours and create plantings that will slow water flows and filter runoff to improve groundwater recharge and prevent erosion.
- Use of pea gravel for walkways rather than macadam to improve groundwater recharge and prevent erosion.
- Reduce water evaporation by mulching plantings
- Minimize lawn areas to reduce required maintenance, and replace lawn areas with higher value landscaping.

2. Minimize Water Consumption

- The Borough will incorporate plantings that do not require irrigation systems where possible
- Continue to strive for “zero irrigation” by using only low-water-use plants when possible
- Further water conservation by installing automatic flush and sink sensors in Borough buildings wherever possible

3. Recycled and Composted Materials

- Use only recycled/composted mulch material on Borough grounds
- Educate residents on the benefits of recycled/composted materials
- Continue cut-it-and-leave-it practice on all Borough grounds and playing fields

4.

Environmentally-Conscious Maintenance

- Use only recycled/composted mulch material on all Borough grounds
- Significantly reduce or eliminate the use of conventional pesticides through an Integrated Pest Management program.
- Avoid excessive fertilizer use. Test soils for pH to determine which plants are best-suited to the soil type. Further test soils to determine composition, and then apply specific fertilizers to correct soil chemistry if needed instead of using a generic mix that often provides excess phosphorus.
- Improve operations with efficient watering schedules, improved irrigation equipment, and rainwater capture. Water the landscape only when needed instead of setting schedules that are not sensitive to weather and species-specific needs. Minimize evaporation, and utilize efficient irrigation techniques, such as drip irrigation systems. Be sure to search for and fix leaks promptly.