

RESOLUTION NO. 41-24

BRICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

May 30, 2024

A Resolution Recognizing the Winner of Brick Utilities' 2024 Metedeconk River Watershed Mascot & Slogan Contest with the Brick Township Schools

WHEREAS, the Metedeconk River is an important water resource that provides numerous environmental, economic, and social benefits to the Township of Brick; and

WHEREAS, the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Brick Utilities") relies on the Metedeconk River for its water supply, and the river has been designated a Category One waterway by the State of New Jersey due to its water supply significance; and

WHEREAS, the Metedeconk River contributes a significant amount of freshwater to the Barnegat Bay estuary, and the quality and quantity of this freshwater is important to the bay's water quality and overall health; and

WHEREAS, Brick Utilities organized and led the development of the Metedeconk River Watershed Protection and Restoration Plan (the "Watershed Plan") in collaboration with the seven watershed municipalities, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, numerous agencies and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Plan identifies public education and outreach about the importance of protecting the Metedeconk River as a critical step in the long-term protection of this resource; and

WHEREAS, Brick Township school students participated in Brick Utilities' 9th Annual Contest to create a watershed mascot & slogan for use in its watershed education and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Amy McCarthy, a 4th grader from St. Dominic School, submitted the winning entry for the watershed mascot "*Dewdrop*," and

WHEREAS, Knox Ortiz, a 6th grader from St. Dominic School submitted the winning entry for the watershed slogan with "*Don't be a punk! Save Metedeconk!*"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 30th day of May, 2024, by the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority recognizes Amy McCarthy and Knox Ortiz for their contribution in helping Brick Utilities protect the Metedeconk River, Brick Township's primary source of water supply.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority at a meeting held on the 30th day of May, 2024, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.



Thomas Curtis, Authority Secretary