

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-129**

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WOODLAND GARDEN IN THE FORESTED AREA OF JOHNSON PARK UTILIZING UNDERSTORY PLANTINGS AND MATURE TREE PRUNING THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICES OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs maintains several municipal parks and open space areas for the benefit, enjoyment, and environmental stewardship of the community; and

WHEREAS, the forested area of Johnson Park located at the end of Floyd Street provides an opportunity to enhance the Borough's natural landscape through the creation of a woodland garden utilizing native and shade-tolerant understory plantings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Shade Tree Commission has recommended the development of a woodland garden utilizing primary understory plant material along with appropriate pruning techniques to improve the health, structure, and longevity of existing mature trees; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission has expressed its willingness to organize and coordinate volunteer efforts in partnership with the Department of Public Works to assist in the planning, planting, pruning, and ongoing stewardship of the woodland garden; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will enhance the aesthetic value of Johnson Park, promote environmental sustainability, support pollinator habitat, and encourage community engagement in the stewardship of municipal open space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough hereby authorizes the development of a woodland garden within the forested area of Johnson Park located at the end of Floyd Street.
2. The Shade Tree Commission, in coordination with the Department of Public Works, is authorized to organize volunteer efforts and oversee the planting of understory vegetation and the implementation of appropriate mature tree pruning techniques consistent with sound arboricultural practices.
3. The Department of Public Works may provide reasonable logistical assistance, including tools, site preparation, and coordination of volunteer activities as necessary.
4. The Shade Tree Commission shall coordinate with Borough administration regarding the

selection of appropriate plant materials and site improvements to ensure compatibility with Borough park maintenance practices.

- This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, held on this 8th day of April 2026.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biegacz		✓	✓	✓		
Liang			✓	✓		
Patel			✓	✓		
Kapsaskis	✓		✓	✓		
Lee			✓			
Koutroubas						✓
Mayor Park						

Mark Park

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Mayor

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Beauty Nadim, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk