

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

2342 -06

**AN ORDINANCE
TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY at
521, 523, 525 Ridgewood Road
(GRASMERE PARK, including DURAND-HEDDEN HOUSE and all structures on the lot)
as a LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will designate the property at 521, 523, 525 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, New Jersey as a local historic landmark.

WHEREAS, the Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission (Athe Commission@) has been charged by the Township of Maplewood (the ATownship@) to identify historic sites and districts and landmarks within the Township and to recommend their designation as local historic sites; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005, the Commission prepared a nomination report for the property known as Grasmere Park, including Durand-Hedden House and all structures on the lot located at 521, 523, 525 Ridgewood Road, Block 8-5, Lot 238 (Athe Property@);

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 9, 2006 at which time the Commission reviewed the nomination report concerning the Property and voted to initiate the designation process; and

WHEREAS, after notice to the public and personal notice to the owner of the Property, the Commission held a public hearing on February 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property did not attend the hearing and did not oppose the designation at the public hearing on February 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, two members of the Board of Trustees of the Durand-Hedden House and Garden Association testified concerning the importance of the Property as an historic resource at the public hearing on February 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, no one else testified concerning the Property at the public hearing on February 13, 2006;

WHEREAS, the Commission has rendered to the Township Committee its final report regarding the designation of the Property, dated February 21, 2006, a copy of which is annexed hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that:

(1) For the reasons set forth in the Commission=s final report dated February 21, 2006, the Property known as Grasmere Park, including Durand-Hedden House and all structures on the lot located at 521, 523, 525 Ridgewood Road, Block 8-5, Lot 238, be and is hereby designated a Local Historic Landmark;

(2) The Planning Board list and map the aforementioned Property on the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan.

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES:

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on March 21, 2006, and that Committee met again on April 4, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk