

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No. 26

Adopted: November 23, 2009

**SUBMISSION OF A PETITION FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE
TO THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR THE PRESERVATION AREA IN MORRIS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., was signed into law on August 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act instituted the creation of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) and required the Council to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that within nine to 15 months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, September 8, 2008, each county located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area shall submit revisions to the county master plan and associated regulations, as applicable to the development and use of land in the Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, portions of the County of Morris are located in the Preservation Area of the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the September 8, 2008 adoption date of the Regional Master Plan set December 8, 2009 as the deadline for the submission of the County Petition for Plan Conformance; and

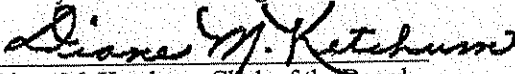
WHEREAS, the Highlands Council provided the model documents necessary for Plan Conformance to the County of Morris between September 21, 2009 and October 14, 2009;

WHEREAS, the County of Morris reviewed and modified the required draft Plan Conformance documents to the best of the County's ability within the limited time remaining before the impending submission deadline;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Morris hereby transmits this Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of Morris County lying within the Preservation Area only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Morris is transmitting the draft documents in their current form in order to meet the required deadline for a Petition of Plan Conformance and, therefore, the draft documents are subject to additional revisions by the County of Morris.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris at a regular meeting held on November 23 2009.


Diane M. Ketchum, Clerk of the Board