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Hamilton, Winslow Townships to Present Smart Growth Plans

Strategies developed to address problems in designated growth communities

NEW LISBON, NJ - Two Pinelands towns will present the results of innovative community-design projects designed to assist Pinelands Regional Growth Area municipalities with creating communities that are vibrant and attractive, promote efficient circulation, and where important recreational and natural resources and other assets are preserved.

Hamilton Township in Atlantic County and Winslow Township in Camden County will each hold a public meeting to present their "Livable Community Action Plans". The plans are the outcome of a comprehensive, year-long process in which both towns formed "visioning teams" to identify growth-related challenges, set goals and priorities and develop planning, zoning and design strategies for achieving community improvements. The public meetings will be held as follows:

Hamilton Township
February 18, 2004, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Atlantic County Library - Mays Landing
40 Farragut Avenue
Mays Landing, NJ

Winslow Township
February 23, 2004, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Winslow Township Municipal Building
125 South Route 73
Winslow Township, NJ

Through a generous grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Pinelands Commission established the Pinelands Excellence Program to promote smart growth in rapidly developing communities where the pace of development and the lack of financial resources has made it extremely difficult for towns to stay ahead of the curve in effectively guiding growth. Winslow and Hamilton were selected to participate by an evaluation committee which included representatives of the Pinelands Municipal Council and the NJ Office of Smart Growth. Both communities then helped to select professional planning consultants to lead the community planning and design process.

In April 2004, the Pinelands Commission will sponsor a public forum to share the Livable Community Action Plans with other municipalities from throughout the State that may want to implement similar approaches to combat sprawl.

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