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October 8, 2009

The Honorable Austin Carew
21 Church Street
P.O. Box 340
Vernon, New Jersey 07462

Re: Extension of the Opportunities and Constraints Review Phase for Plan Endorsement

Dear Mayor Carew:

The New Jersey Office of Smart Growth (OSG) will not be able to complete Vernon Township's Opportunities and Constraints review by the October 15th, 2009 deadline. Staff will be utilizing the 60-day extension provided in the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.20, to ensure a comprehensive Opportunities and Constraints review is completed for Vernon Township's petition for Plan Endorsement. As such, OSG will complete the Township of Vernon's Opportunities and Constraints report by October 30, 2009.

Pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.20, (a) The Executive Director may extend, up to 90 days, the time allowed for State actions under this subchapter, in the event that the number of requests for plan endorsement or amendments thereto exceeds the resources of the Office of Smart Growth to process those requests. Public notice of any extensions shall be provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.4.

Thank you for your continued interest in pursuing Plan Endorsement. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kate Meade, OSG Planner for Vernon Township, at (609) 633-8573 or via email at kmeade@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Donna Rendeiro,
Acting Executive Director
New Jersey Office of Smart Growth

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Vernon Township Plan Endorsement File