

**RESOLUTION 2008-72**  
**NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR**  
**HAMILTON FARM GOLF CLUB, LLC, BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council);

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) had adopted rules at N.J.A.C. 7:38-1.1 et seq. (Highlands Rules) governing the NJDEP's review of projects in the Highlands Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Rules, at N.J.A.C. 7:38-1.1, specifies that pending completion of the Regional Master Plan, NJDEP shall not approve a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) amendment for a project proposed in the Planning Area or Preservation Area of the Highlands Region without first obtaining a recommendation from the Highlands Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Rules, at N.J.A.C. 7:38-1.1, were adopted in accordance with the Highlands Act as well as the Water Quality Management Act which specifically requires a continuing planning process to coordinate and integrate water quality management plans with related Federal, State, regional and local comprehensive land use, functional and other relevant planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal has been submitted that consists of a proposed amendment to the Upper Raritan WQMP and Somerset County/ Upper Raritan WMP which allows Hamilton Farm Golf Club (Block 9, Lot 1) to renovate an existing mansion to include four additional suites, a dining area, and a spa/exercise room; to expand the existing clubhouse as a restaurant, an office, a pro shop, and a locker room; to construct a new swimming pool area, pool hut, and tennis courts; to renovate the existing storage/caddy building and golf maintenance building; to connect two residential dwellings to the on-site discharge to ground water sewage treatment plan (STP); and to include beneficial reuse of all treated wastewater from the STP to be used for the purpose of golf course spray irrigation; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with NJDEP's Highlands Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:38-1.1, and the procedures adopted by the Highlands Council pursuant to Resolution 2007-18 for review of WQMP amendments for a proposed project, Highlands Council staff conducted a review of the Proposed Amendment based upon the standards and policies set forth in the adopted Regional Master Plan (RMP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council duly considered the Proposed Amendment, the Highlands Council staff consistency determination, which was posted on the Highlands Council website, and all public comments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to provide the consistency determination to NJDEP on behalf of the Highlands Council.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 20th day of November, 2008.

  
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John Weingart, Chairman

**Vote on the Approval of  
this Resolution**

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Cogger	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dillingham	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Kovach	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Letts	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Pasquarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Schrier	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Vetrano	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Way	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____