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Petition for Plan Conformance

Kincaid Woods Area
View of Deer Lake from Kincaid Woods
Township of Boonton

- Incorporated April 11, 1867
- 5,437 acres/8.6 square miles
- Ranked as the 4th best place to live in New Jersey by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine "New Jersey's Top Towns 2011-2012"
Petition

• Petition for Preservation Area lands only: 493 acres (9% of municipality)
  – Single family dwellings, preserved lands (75 acres), and a private lake club occupying 187 acres (or 38% of the Preservation Area)
  – Not served by public water or sewer infrastructure
  – Subject to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:38)
  – Very limited development potential; Highlands build-out revealed no developable lots within the Preservation Area

• Previously approved for Checklist Approach (1/2014)
Public Comment Summary

• Public Comment Period: March 15-31, 2015

• No comments received

• Revised Final documents posted to the Highlands Council website: April 10, 2015
Implementation Funding

• Implementation Plan & Schedule includes funding to address:
  – Water Use and Conservation Management Plan
  – Habitat Conservation Plan
  – Stream Corridor Protection/Restoration Plan
  – Sustainable Economic Development Plan
  – Stormwater Management Plan
  – Lake Restoration Management Plan
Staff Recommendation: Approve w/conditions

• Adoption of approved:
  – Highlands ERI
  – Master Plan Highlands Element
  – Checklist Ordinance
  – Highlands Exemption Ordinance
  – Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
  – Wastewater Management Plan

• Adherence to Implementation Plan & Schedule
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