

RESOLUTION 2025-

**APPROVAL OF CROSS ACCEPTANCE RESPONSE REPORTS
TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts and execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility assigned to it under the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Planning Act (NJ Stat § 52:18A-196) calls for the periodic revision and readopting of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP); and

WHEREAS, the SDRP shall provide a coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive plan for the growth, development, renewal, and conservation of the State and its regions, and shall identify areas for growth, agriculture, open space conservation, and other appropriate designations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC), in accordance with the New Jersey State Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 15:30-2.1), approved the release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the formal release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 6, 2024 commenced Cross Acceptance, an inter-jurisdictional process of soliciting and incorporating input into a Draft Final SDRP; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the SPC and the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy (OPA) on December 19, 2007, thereby authorizing the Highlands Council to participate in Cross Acceptance as the designated Negotiating Entity, in accordance with (N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.3), for those participating municipalities within the purview of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council, in its role as Negotiating Entity, has prepared a Cross Acceptance Response summarizing the comments on the Preliminary SDRP pertaining to the New Jersey Highlands region and of the following municipalities:

Municipality
Alexandria Township
Allamuchy Township
Bloomsbury Borough
Boonton Town
Borough of Alpha
Borough of High Bridge
Borough of Milford

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Borough of Oakland
Butler
Byram Township
Califon Borough
Chester Borough
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Clinton Township
Dover
Far Hills Borough
Glen Gardner Borough
Green Township
Hackettstown
Hamburg Borough, Sussex County
Hampton Borough
Hanover
Harding Township
Holland Township
Jefferson Township
Lebanon Borough
Lebanon Township
Lopatcong Township
Mahwah Township
Mine Hill Township
Montville Township
Mount Arlington Borough
Mount Olive Township
Netcong Borough
Phillipsburg
Pompton Lakes
Ringwood Borough
Rockaway Township
Roxbury Township
Tewksbury Township
Vernon Township
Washington Borough, Warren County
Washington Township, Morris County
Washington Township, Warren County
West Milford Township
Wharton Borough

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