RESOLUTION 2025-26

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

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 of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed to effectuate the purposes of the enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy its duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Highlands Act, the Council desires to prepare a General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed a proposed General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends the approval of the proposed General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highlands Council hereby approves the attached Fiscal Year 2026 General Operating Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget and Finance Committee shall review the budget periodically and make recommended adjustments to the Council, as appropriate.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of October, 2025.

Carl J. Richko

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion		Second		Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Councilmember Alstede			√		√						
Councilmember Bush					√						
Councilmember Dougherty					√						
Councilmember Dressler											√
Councilmember Francis					√						
Councilmember James					√						
Councilmember Kibler					√						
Councilmember Van Abs	√				√						
Councilmember Visioli											√
Chairman Richko					√						

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
HIGHLANDS COUNCIL GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FY2026

Revenues:

State of New Jersey Appropriation	$	3,325,000.00
Balance from prior fiscal year	$	370,345.00
Miscellaneous Revenues & Reimbursements	$	5,000.00
Total Revenues	**$**	**3,700,345.00**

Expenditures:

Salaries	$	2,950,220.00
Materials and Supplies	$	32,500.00
Other Operating Expenses	$	251,000.00
Rent, Maintenance and Repairs	$	301,900.00
Equipment, Additions, and Improvements	$	164,725.00
Total Expenditures:	**$**	**3,700,345.00**

Approved at the October 16, 2025 Highlands Council Meeting