



PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY
Lieutenant Governor

State of New Jersey

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL

100 North Road (Route 513)
Chester, New Jersey 07930-2322
(908) 879-6737
(908) 879-4205 (fax)
www.nj.gov/njhighlands



CARL J. RICHKO
Chairman

BENJAMIN L. SPINELLI, ESQ.
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: RMP Amendment Committee

FROM: Benjamin L. Spinelli, Esq., Executive Director

DATE: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: RMP Amendment Committee Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025

The RMP Amendment Committee met on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 11:00am via Zoom.

RMP Amendment Committee Members present: Council Chair Richko, Committee Chair Alstede, Members Kibler and Van Abs. Member Dressler was absent.

Highlands Council Staff Members present: Ben Spinelli, Gabrielle Gallagher, James Humphries, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Kelley Curran, Jocelyn van den Akker, Neda Hartman, Corey Piasecki, Carole Ann Dicton and Annette Tagliareni.

Governor's Authority Unit (GAU): Michael Eleneski, Associate Counsel.

Committee Chair Alstede opened the meeting at 11:01am.

Committee Chair Alstede reported that he is pleased to continue as chair of this committee and opened the meeting to staff's report.

Corey Piasecki, Principal Planner, referenced the memorandum the committee received in early September which provided a plan for the 2026 Monitoring Program and Recommendation Report (MPRR). Mr. Piasecki then provided a presentation which outlined:

- Process for Monitoring Program Recommendations Report
- Key Accomplishments – RMP Amendments

New Jersey Is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Follow the New Jersey Highlands Council @njhighlandsCouncil

- Key Accomplishments Implementations
- Indicator Development
- New Recommendations – RMP Amendments
- New Recommendations – Implementation
- Timeline for 2025/2026

James Humphries, Director of Planning, Science & GIS reported that Council staff anticipates providing a draft, unformatted, 2026 MPRR for the committee's review in March 2026.

Committee Member Van Abs commented on some potential recommendations noted in Council staff's memorandum.

There was also discussion regarding obtaining the most updated water supply and use data for the MPRR and Committee Member Van Abs noted that Steve Domber from the NJ Geological Survey is a valuable resource.

There was also discussion on funding the replacement of failing septic systems.

Committee Chair Alstede inquired about the committee's role.

Mr. Humphries responded that Council staff will provide written updates to committee members including draft documents as work progresses and noted that additional meetings for discussion may be necessary after the New Year. Mr. Humphries also noted that this MPRR will not be as intensive as 2018 since it is an update rather than a baseline review.

Committee Chair Alstede acknowledged and agreed with Member Van Abs' recommendations.

Committee Member Van Abs advised Council staff to send the committee the draft MPRR by indicator/category as they become available, rather than waiting to release the full report at once. Mr. Piasecki agreed.

In conclusion, Council Chair Richko complimented Mr. Piasecki on his report and looks forward to the updates.

The RMP Amendment Committee adjourned at 11:40am.