

Resolution #2009.133
Bethlehem Township
Submission of Petition for Plan Conformance
to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council
for Land in the Preservation Area

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other significant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Act requires that within nine to 15 months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, September 8, 2008, each municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area shall submit revisions to the municipal master plan, development regulations and other regulations, as applicable to the development and use of land in the Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, Bethlehem Township is located in the Highlands Region with lands lying within the Preservation Area, as defined by the Highlands Act; and

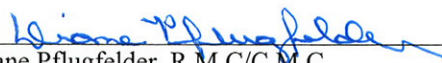
WHEREAS, The Highlands Council prepared and distributed to the Highlands municipalities Plan Conformance Guidelines outlining the process and procedures for petitioning the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines also require that a Petition for Plan Conformance be filed with the Highlands Council no later than December 8, 2009, which includes a comprehensive package of planning and implementation documents that meet the requirements of the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem hereby submits this Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of our jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan, and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.

Vote: absent - Jimenez
aye - Meehan
aye - Kucinski
aye - G. Glazar
aye - Graefe

I, Diane Pflugfelder, R.M.C/C.M.C, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body at a meeting held on 5 November 2009.



Diane Pflugfelder, R.M.C/C.M.C.
Municipal Clerk