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NOTICE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Township of Bethlehem Petition for Plan Conformance Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report

Please take notice that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) is now accepting public comments on the Bethlehem Township's Petition for Plan Conformance, and the Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report prepared by the Highlands Council staff, for consideration by the Highlands Council in its review of the Petition for Plan Conformance of the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Written public comments will be accepted through **December 3, 2010**, via email at james.hutzelmann@highlands.state.nj.us, via facsimile at the number listed above, or by mail to the address listed above. Equal consideration will be given to comments regardless of how they are received.

Model documents comprising the various elements of a standard Petition for Plan Conformance were posted to the Highlands Council website between April 2009 and June 2010. Bethlehem Township's Petition for Plan Conformance was deemed administratively complete on March 16, 2010, and posted to the Highlands Council's website on March 24, 2010. The Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report for Bethlehem Township and all Petition materials are available for public review both in the offices of the Highlands Council (please call to arrange for in-office review), and at its website:

http://www.highlands.state.nj.us/njhighlands/planconformance/bethlehem_twp.html

Please take further notice that, subsequent to the close of public comment, Bethlehem Township's Petition for Plan Conformance, in conjunction with the Final Consistency Review and Recommendations Report and all public comments received, will be the subject of a public hearing held by the Highlands Council pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of the Highlands Act. After receiving any public comments provided during the hearing, the agency may approve, reject, or approve with conditions the Petition for Plan Conformance. The public hearing will be held during the Highlands Council's regularly-scheduled meeting of:

Date: December 16, 2010 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Highlands Council Offices, Chester, NJ (address above)

Please take further notice that, as Bethlehem Township has submitted a petition for Substantive Certification to the Law Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, public comments regarding that Plan's consistency with the Regional Master Plan may be submitted to the Highlands Council, while any specific comments on the formal approval of that Plan by the Superior Court (a Plan Conformance Petition requirement) may be submitted to the Law Division (Docket No. SOM-L-872-07).

DATE OF NOTICE: November 17, 2010