



## BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY

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December 8, 2009

Eileen Swan, New Jersey Highlands Council Executive Director  
100 North Road (Route 513)  
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Re: Bloomsbury Borough Petition for Municipal Plan Conformance

Dear Ms. Swan,

The Borough of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, is submitting the enclosed petition to meet the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 deadline for Municipal Plan Conformance as required by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan for municipalities with lands in the Preservation Area. Bloomsbury Borough is one of five municipalities in the Highlands Region which is located entirely in the Preservation Area. The Borough has completed the seven modules, to the best of its abilities, required to achieve Plan Conformance and will continue to work with the Highlands Council to achieve Full Plan Conformance. The enclosed petition includes:

1. Submittal Checklist
2. Preservation Area Resolution
3. Record of Public Involvement
4. 2009 Plan conformance grant program documents Modules 3 through 6
5. List of Current municipal planning and regulatory documents
6. Municipal self assessment report and Highlands Implementation Plan and Schedule
7. Additional supporting material including Highlands Consistency Report for 27 Church Street, Block 13, Lot 6.01 as a potential future redevelopment site.

The Borough continues its interest in identifying redevelopment opportunities, especially in regards to the historic mill site located at 27 Church Street. This site has long been vacated and sits at the gateway to the Borough. The Borough would like to find a willing purchaser of the site to utilize the sites potential to bring additional services to the Borough.

The Borough seeks an ongoing dialog with the Highlands Council as we work towards full Plan Conformance to identify all potential opportunities for redevelopment and infill projects that will incorporate smart growth initiatives, while providing a stable tax base in the future. We look forward to working with the Highlands Council through the next stage in the conformance process. Should you require any additional information or have any questions or comments, the Borough has designated the Borough Clerk and Administrator, Lisa Burd, as the municipal point of contact as required in the Preservation Area Resolution approved by Borough Council on October 27, 2009.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark R. Peck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark R. Peck., Mayor

Cc: Lisa A. Burd, Borough Administrator and Clerk