

RESOLUTION 144-09

**TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
SUBMISSION OF PETITION FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE
TO THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR LAND IN THE HIGHLANDS 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 establishes two principal sub-areas within the New Jersey Highlands Region, known as the Preservation Area and the Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that within nine to 15 months after the effective date of the Highlands Regional Master Plan (September 8, 2008) each municipality located wholly or partially in the Highlands 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 Highlands Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, Clinton 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 Region 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, for municipalities with lands located with the Highlands Preservation Area, 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 Highlands Regional Master Plan and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.

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

I, Donna J. Burham, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton at a regular and duly convened meeting held on December 2, 2009.

In witness therefore, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Clinton, this 3rd day of December, 2009.


