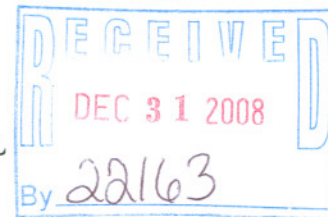


BOROUGH OF MILFORD
RESOLUTION NO. RE2008-136
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE



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 key 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 requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2003, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Milford, Hunterdon County lies within the Planning Area of the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Borough of Milford believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Milford to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the Borough of Milford recognizes that no lands within the Borough of Milford lie within the Highland Preservation Area, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Common Council of the Borough of Milford intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition, but in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, note that this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Common Council of the Borough of Milford has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

This being submitted at the Council meeting held on December 15, 2008.

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Dysart, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Milford Borough Common Council at the Council meeting held on December 15, 2008.


 Karen Dysart, RMC
 Municipal Clerk


 Date of Certification