

RESOLUTION #142-2008

TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY

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, 2008, 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 Township of Tewksbury lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Tewksbury to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, 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 Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury has set a date of not later than December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

CERTIFICATION

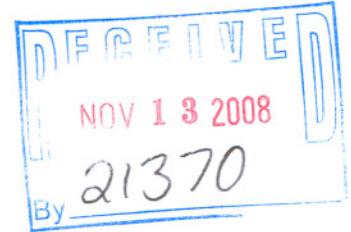
**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury at a meeting of said Township Committee conducted on November 10, 2008.



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Roberta A. Brassard  
Municipal Clerk

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12 November 2008

Ms. Eileen Swan  
Executive Director  
Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council  
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Dear Ms. Swan,

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution #142-2008 that was adopted at the 11/10/08 meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury.

I have also included a copy of Resolution #144-2008 for your information.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Sincerely:

Roberta A. Brassard  
Municipal Clerk