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NOTICE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Township of Chester 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 Township of Chester 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 Chester, Morris County, New Jersey. Written public comments will be accepted through **Thursday, October 14, 2010**, via email at james.humphries@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. Chester Township's Petition for Plan Conformance was deemed administratively complete on February 4, 2010, and posted to the Highlands Council's website on February 9, 2010. The Final Draft Consistency Review and Recommendations Report for Chester 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/chester_twp.html

Please take further notice that, subsequent to the close of public comment, Chester 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: October 21, 2010 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Please take further notice that, as Chester Township has submitted a petition for Substantive Certification to the Council on Affordable Housing, any specific comments on the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (a Plan Conformance Petition requirement) must be submitted to the Council on Affordable Housing.

DATE OF NOTICE: September 29, 2010