

RESOLUTION 09- 142

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY'S SUBMISSION OF PETITION FOR PLAN  
CONFORMANCE TO THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING  
COUNCIL FOR LAND IN THE 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 requires that within nine to fifteen months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, September 8, 2008, each municipality located wholly or partially in the 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 Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan ("Plan Conformance"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Rockaway 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 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 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 Regional Master Plan and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines.

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Mary C. Cilurso, RMC/CMC, Township Clerk of the Township of Rockaway hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on November 4, 2009.

  
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Mary C. Cilurso, RMC/CMC, Township Clerk