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The Honorable Daniel Conklin  
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Dear Mayor Conklin:

On behalf of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council), Green Township is hereby granted a waiver of various components of the Highlands Plan Conformance process as described more fully below. On March 23, 2009, Green Township adopted Resolution 09-71 in which the Township specified that it intended to submit a Petition for Plan Conformance for the Preservation Area lands and intended to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission for the Planning Area lands. In anticipation of receipt of your Petition for Plan Conformance on or before December 8, 2009, the following provides Green Township with a summary of the necessary Petition requirements.

Green Township is the only municipality for which the entire Preservation Area portion of the municipality is permanently preserved. As such, and in accordance with Green Township's Notice of Intent to conform with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) for the Preservation Area, numerous submittal requirements for the Petition for Plan Conformance are appropriately being waived. The full list of normally required items may be found in the Instructions document provided for Plan Conformance Grant Program Module 7: Municipal Petitions for Plan Conformance (Section B, starting on page 2). In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, please be advised that the following submittal requirements are hereby waived with respect to Green Township's Petition for Plan Conformance. These items need not be submitted with Green Township's Petition:

1. Record of Public Involvement (Item #6)
2. 2009 Plan Conformance Grant Documents (Item #7)
  - a. Module 3: Fair Share Plan/Housing Element
  - b. Module 4: Highlands Environmental Resource Inventory
  - c. Module 5: Highlands Element of the Municipal Master Plan
  - d. Module 6: Highlands Land Use Ordinance
3. List of Current Municipal Planning and Regulatory Documents (Item #8)
4. Municipal Self-Assessment Report, Highlands Implementation Plan and Schedule (Item #9)

Accordingly, the Green Township Petition for Plan Conformance in the Preservation Area should address the following items, also as detailed in the Instructions for Module 7:

1. Cover Letter (Item #1)
2. Submittal Checklist (Item #2)
3. Preservation Area Resolution (Item #3)
4. Municipal Build-Out Report (Modules 1 and 2). The analysis for the Preservation Area in Green Township estimates no residential or non-residential development, as discussed in the attached Highlands Municipal Build-Out Report. This Report is developed by and on file with the Highlands Council, and need not be re-submitted.

Please note that the following submittal items remain discretionary: Additional Supplemental Materials (Item #10), RMP Updates (Item #11) and Map Adjustments (Item #12). Items #4 and #5 are not applicable to Green Township.

Please be advised that the submission waivers granted herein are approved to eliminate tasks that are not relevant to Green Township's Petition for Plan Conformance. These findings are based on the Township's intent to conform for its Preservation Area lands, which consist solely of permanently preserved lands. Should Green Township determine that it wishes to initiate Plan Conformance for the Planning Area in the future, the Highlands Council will assist the Township in the development of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information. We look forward to receiving your Petition for Plan Conformance.

Yours sincerely,



Eileen Swan  
Executive Director

Enclosure

Highlands Municipal Build-Out Report for Green Township

c: P. Gleitz, Heyer Gruel & Assoc.