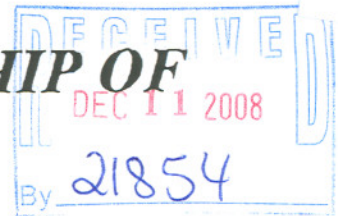


RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA



Sussex County, New Jersey

No. 08-200

Date of Adoption: 12/9/08

Title or Subject

5-16 Notice Of Intent To Petition The Highlands Council For Plan Conformance

Introduced by: Councilman Murphy
Seconded by: Councilman Goldberg

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

RECORD VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
BRADY				X	SEELAGY	X			
GOLDBERG	X				SPEKHARDT	X			
MURPHY	X								

I, Mary J. Coc, Deputy Township Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Council held on December 9, 2008.

12/10/08
Date

Signature - Deputy Township Clerk

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, Sparta Township lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Sparta to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sparta Township Council 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 and Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Township of Sparta has set December 1, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.