



**RESOLUTION NO. R2008x88  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
A RESOLUTION OF 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 Town of Belvidere lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, no lands within the Town of Belvidere lie within the Preservation Area and all areas lie within the Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is in the best interest of the Town of Belvidere to conform to the Regional Master Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to Petition the Highlands Council for plan conformance with respect to all lands within the Town of Belvidere, which are situated within the Planning Area of the Highlands Region as hereinbefore indicated in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Highland Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within Planning Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Belvidere has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

Date: December 15, 2008  
Teresa A. DeMont, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator