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Eileen Swan, Executive Director  
New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council  
100 North Road (Route 513)  
Chester, NJ 07930-2322

Re: 2009 Municipal Petition for Highlands Regional Master Plan Conformance  
Township of Pohatcong

Dear Ms. Swan:

We are pleased to submit Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council, as it relates to the development and use of land for the entire municipality, in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Regional Master Plan, and the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines. Pohatcong Township is located in the Highlands Region with lands lying within the both the Preservation Area and Planning Area. The Township recognizes that at any time during the Plan Conformance process, Pohatcong Township may choose not to obtain conformance with the Regional Master Plan for the lands lying within the Planning Area, and any approvals, rejections or approvals with conditions of the revised municipal master plan and development regulations recommended by the Highlands Council during the Plan Conformance process will not be binding on Pohatcong Township as they relate to the development and use of land in the Planning Area.

The official Municipal Point of Contact for the Township of Pohatcong shall be Wanda Kutzman, Municipal Clerk, Township Of Pohatcong, 50 Municipal Drive, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. However, for any questions regarding this Petition for Plan Conformance, its documents and any related requests for clarification or additional materials, we suggest you contact our Township Planner, Paul Gleitz, P.P. AICP at Heyer, Gruel & Associates, 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701 or at [pgleitz@hgapa.com](mailto:pgleitz@hgapa.com).

By submission of this petition, the Township is indicating its intention to seek Plan Conformance in the Planning Area, as well as the Preservation Area. However, prior to any final decision regarding Plan Conformance in the Planning Area, the township will be seeking Map Adjustments and RMP Updates, as well as considering designating areas within the Planning Area as Highlands Redevelopment Areas. Final determinations of the status of these requests will be necessary prior to any final decision regarding Plan Conformance in the

Planning Area. The nature of these requests is detailed in the Municipal Self Assessment that is part of this petition.

The Municipality has addressed all requirements of Plan Conformance to the best of its ability. The Township reserves the right to submit additional materials in support of this petition.

Sincerely yours,



J. Stephen Babinsky, Mayor  
Township of Pohatcong