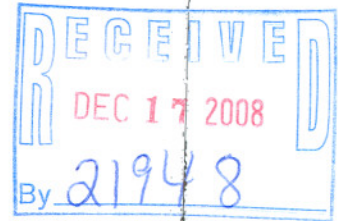


**RESOLUTION NO 2008-138
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**



**Resolution Authorizing Filing the Notice of Intent to Petition Highlands Council for
Plan Conformance**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 6:20-1 *et seq.*, has declared 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 requires each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area to 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, Washington Township lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Committee believes it is forced to comply with the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Committee 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Washington Township Committee is forced to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Washington Township Committee has set December 9, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

The above resolution was moved by Elbassouny and seconded by Hoenesky

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Nays:	Abstain:
<u>Elbassouny</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>
<u>Hoenesky</u>		
<u>Mueller</u>		
<u>Stunk</u>		
<u>Sempster</u>		

To be filed via Certified Mail with:
New Jersey Highlands Council
100 North Road
Chester, NJ 07930

New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing
101 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 813
Trenton, NJ 08625

Copy to be filed with the Washington Township Land Use Board.

Certification: I, Mary Ann O'Neil, Clerk of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Washington Township Committee on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.


Mary Ann O'Neil RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

Dated: December 16, 2008