

RESOLUTION 2009-77

TOWNSHIP OF WHITE SUBMISSION OF PETITION OF INTENT TO CONFORM TO THE PRESERVATION AREA OF THE HIGHLANDS MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act created a 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

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that within 15 months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, or December 8, 2009, each municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area shall submit an amendment to its municipal master plan and development regulations, as applicable to the development and use of land in the Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, White Township is located in the Highlands Region with lands lying within both the Preservation Area and Planning Area, as defined by Section 7 of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, White Township has reviewed and considered maps generated by the Highlands Council, a draft master plan element, draft land use ordinances, a draft environmental resource inventory, and initial assessment study all relating to the application of the Highlands' statutorily mandated goals and requirements on the Township, and at this time the Township finds all such documentation to be in need of extensive review and further revisions; Specifically, the Township has identified numerous errors and omissions from the above-referenced documents which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, however, such list is not exhaustive, and the Township reserves its right to supplement and amend the list as the Preservation Area conformance process continues; and

WHEREAS, White Township intends to continue to review and revise the above-stated documentation and submit same to the Highlands Council in order to be compliant with the Highlands Act; and

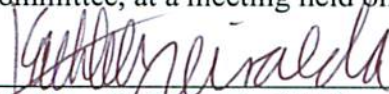
WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that a Petition of intent to conform to the Preservation Area be filed with the Highlands Council no later than December 8, 2009 for Preservation Area lands, which will ultimately incorporate draft planning and implementation documents that meet the requirements of the Highlands Act, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council shall consider a Petition for Plan Conformance as to the Preservation Area, and accept, reject or accept with conditions, a Petition for Plan Conformance, as it deems appropriate, to conform them to the Regional Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that White Township hereby submits this Petition of intent to conform to the Preservation Area, as it relates to the development and use of land for the lands within the Preservation Area of the municipality, in accordance with the Highlands Act

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC for the Township of White, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the White Township Committee, at a meeting held on November 12, 2009.



Kathleen R. Reinalda, RMC
Township Clerk