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Date: September 15, 2025
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RESOLUTION

**APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE DRAFT FINAL STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
THE DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission (hereafter the "Commission"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199 of the State Planning Act (N.J.A. 52:18A-196 to -207), is required to revise and readopt the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (hereafter the "State Plan"); and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199, the Commission is required to revise and readopt the State Plan regularly, with the latest version of the State Plan having been adopted in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out this statutory responsibility, the Commission has, pursuant to its rulemaking authority under N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, promulgated regulations which are set forth at N.J.A.C. 15:30 (State Planning Rules) and which, in part, govern the manner in which the Cross-Acceptance Process shall be conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning Advocacy (OPA) published two Interim Reports during the Negotiation Phase of the Cross-Acceptance Process providing updates on the status and results of the meetings with the twenty-one counties and the New Jersey Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed the Cross-Acceptance Process, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.6, with the approval of the Statement of Agreements and Disagreements; and

WHEREAS, as provided in N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202.1 and N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.7(a), the Commission is required to produce an Impact Assessment of the State Plan which describes the impacts of the policies and strategies proposed in the State Plan ("plan impacts") relative to the impacts that would likely occur without a State Plan ("trend impacts"), and shall identify desirable changes to be incorporated into the Final State Plan; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Commission, OPA has contracted with Rowan University and Rutgers University to prepare the Impact Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission approved the Impact Assessment and disseminated it as required by N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.7(b); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.6(c), the Commission's Negotiating Committee is required to prepare and submit to the Commission for its consideration and approval, a draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan reflecting recommended changes to the Preliminary State Development and Redevelopment Plan resulting from Cross-Acceptance.

WHEREAS, as provided in N.J.S.A 52:18A-201(b)(6), the Office of Planning Advocacy is required to prepare and submit to the Commission the Infrastructure Needs Assessment as an aid in the preparation of the State Plan, alternate growth and development strategies which are likely to produce favorable economic, environmental and social results; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Commission, the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA) has contracted with Rutgers University to prepare the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C 15:30-5.1, upon consideration of the Interim Reports from the negotiating entities and the Negotiating Committee, Statement of Agreements and Disagreements, and the Impact Assessment, the Commission is required to prepare and approve for distribution a draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, which will also include the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission hereby acknowledges and accepts the draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, prepared by the Commission's Negotiating Committee, and the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment, prepared by Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to formally approve the draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan and the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment; and

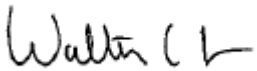
WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that said dissemination of the draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, which includes the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment to each negotiating entity, county and municipal planning board, mayor, board of county commissioners, county executive or county administrator, county and municipal clerk, and to those interested persons and organizations who have registered with OPA pursuant to N.J.A.C 15:30-1.6(b), as required by N.J.A.C. 15:30-5.1, and to the public shall be by email, and shall be posted on the OPA website.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Planning Commission hereby approves the draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, prepared by the Commission's Negotiating Committee, and the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment, prepared by Rutgers University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to disseminate the draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, which includes the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment electronically to each negotiating entity, county and municipal planning board, mayor, board of county commissioners, county executive or county administrator, county and municipal clerk, and to those interested persons and organizations who have registered with OPA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-5.1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and staff of OPA are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation of this resolution.

I hereby certify that this resolution was
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission
at its meeting on September 15, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter C. Lane".

Walter C. Lane, Acting Secretary
State Planning Commission
Date: September 15, 2025