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MEMORANDUM TO: State Planning Commission

FROM: Donna Rendeiro

RE: Proposed Middle Township Endorsement

DATE: April 26, 2023

The Township of Middle was initially Plan Endorsed September 28, 2011. In March of 2021, the township petitioned to be endorsed a second time. They submitted their Municipal Self-Assessment to the Office in September 2021, beginning their process to renew their endorsement and their Center boundaries. The Governing Body of Middle Township incorporated significant public engagement in their 2020 Reexamination and Municipal Public Access Plan earning a visioning waiver. The details of their planning activities are provided in the attached recommendation report written by Meghan Wren.

Middle Township actively plans for its future by engaging the public and seeks to realize the vision articulated in their Master Plan. Their vision is to develop Middle into a sustainable, vibrant, affordable, safe, clean livable community that embraces its environmental and historic resources while supporting a sustainable and resilient economy. Middle has committed to fulfill the criteria outline in the State Plan and desires to continue setting new foundations for better planning by incorporating a vision of the future that contemplates resiliency, redevelopment, and addressing environmental justice and equity.

Given Middle Township's vision is in line with the State Plan's goals, I fully support the recommendation to grant Middle Township Plan Endorsement.