

IV. Statement of Planning Coordination Addendum

- *A description of any planning coordination that has been undertaken with adjoining jurisdictions.*

With the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority as the lead, Lakewood participated in the preparation of the Source Water Stewardship Project for the Metedeconk River watershed. The project was coordinated with the Trust for Public Land and funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, Lakewood was awarded funding by the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare a Stream Corridor Protection Plan for the North and South Branches of the Metedeconk River in Lakewood. This Stream Corridor Protection Plan requires inter-municipal coordination amongst seven municipalities and will focus on buffering and land development techniques aimed at balancing development with the preservation of valuable environmental resources in the Metedeconk River watershed.

- *A description of any outreach efforts to include other municipalities or counties in the initial petition, or an explanation of why no such efforts were undertaken.*

The Township has been diligent in meeting the requirements for public meetings, and hearings, providing and advertising notice of public meetings to adjacent municipalities in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law regarding its Master Plan and zoning activities and State Planning Commission regulations for plan endorsement. Other municipalities were not included in the petition as Dover Township had previously submitted their petition prior to Lakewood's submission and Brick Township was in the process of filing their own initial plan endorsement petition. In addition, given the timeframe for CAFRA center expiration and the need to complete the petition requirements for Initial Plan Endorsement expeditiously, the Township decided to move forward on its own in preparing this petition. However, as noted in other sections of this statement, the Township has undertaken and remains open to inter-municipal planning efforts where appropriate. The Township is also currently undergoing a Master Plan Reexamination Report that will require public notice to adjoining municipalities and include an evaluation of their existing land uses and zoning practices in relation to the Township's Master Plan.

- *A description of coordination activities, if any, with relevant Boards of Educations.*

The Lakewood Township Board of Education has been given notice of the Township's plan endorsement petition. The Township provided a copy of the Lakewood Board of Education Capital Outlay Plan 2002-2007 as part of the plan endorsement petition.

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- *A statement detailing any ongoing local or regional planning or development activities by any level of government and the level of development activity by the private sector.*

The Township is involved in a variety planning activities which include the following:

Federal

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfield Pilot Project awarded the Township \$200,000 to identify brownfield sites and assess the economic potential in the Franklin Redevelopment Street study area (Appendix G).

State

Lakewood Township has been actively participating in the regional transportation planning efforts being undertaken by New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), which include the Route 9 Corridor Access Management Plan with Dover Township and the Route 88 Corridor Study Group with Brick Township and Point Pleasant.

Lakewood Township is one of 12 northern Ocean County municipalities included in the Northern Bay Corridor Regional Study which received funding from the Office of Smart Growth Smart Future Grant program. The main objective of the Ocean County Planning Board study is to assist in the preparation for Plan Endorsement. This study serves as a resource to study area municipalities in that it will provide much of the regional background material, mapping and analyses that are required as part of the Plan Endorsement process. As part of this analysis, the Township is preparing a Master Plan Reexamination Report that consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and with New Jersey Coastal Zone Management policies and strategies.

The Township is in full support of the proposed NJ Transit Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex (MOM) rail line and the proposed transit station. In Fall 2004, the Township Committee adopted a resolution in support of NJ Transit efforts to secure a train station within Lakewood Township.

County

Ocean County is proposing to expand the recycling center in the Township on New Hampshire Avenue.

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Private

Lakewood has a very active private sector development. According to the Ocean County Planning Department, Lakewood has approved 410 minor subdivision lots and 7,814 major subdivision lots from 1990 to 2004. In 2004, 68 minor subdivision lots and 112 major subdivision lots were approved. From 1990 to 2004, Lakewood site plan reviews have approved 2,840 housing units and 2,094,447 square feet of commercial space. In 2004, 306 housing units were approved and 329,521 square feet of commercial space has been approved.

Non-profit

There are three non-profit organizations (STEPS, NJ HAND, and the Lakewood Affordable Housing Corporation) that are constructing proposed affordable housing projects in the Township consistent with the Lakewood Affordable Housing Initiative. Lakewood is a receiving municipality for regional contributions agreements (RCAs) in accordance with COAH requirements.

- *A description of potential conflicts of petitioner's vision with existing or projected planning and regulatory efforts by other agencies, for example, Open Space plans, Wastewater Management Plans, Transportation Plans, State infrastructure planning and/or development, public development, or court ordered land uses.*

There no known conflicts except for those areas addressed in the Township's plan endorsement petition at IV. Statement of Planning Coordination and VI. Proposed Changes to State Plan Policy Map.

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