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RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT SPECIAL RESOURCE AREAS RECOGNITION APPLICATION AND DRAFT PROCESS OVERVIEW DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq. (the Act), the State Planning Commission (the Commission) has prepared and adopted a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (the State Plan) which includes a State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, to adopt rules and regulations to carry out and implement its statutory responsibilities and purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Plan defines a Special Resource Area as "an area or region with unique characteristics or resources of statewide importance, which are essential to the sustained wellbeing and function of its own region and other regions," and calls for formal recognition of these areas through a novel application and approval process; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Act and the State Plan, the Office of Planning Advocacy staff have created a draft Special Resource Area Recognition Application and a draft Process Overview Document which may be utilized by New Jersey residents seeking Special Resource Area recognition for a particular region of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to solicit public feedback on these draft documents to ensure the Special Resource Area application and approval process best meets the needs of New Jersey.

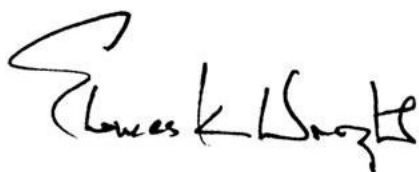
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby authorizes the release of the draft Special Resource Area Recognition Application and the draft Process Overview Document for public comment, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission will accept comments for sixty (60) business days, concluding on January 7, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Comments can be sent directly to the State Planning Commission via e-mail to ospmail@sos.nj.gov or mailed to State Planning Commission, c/o Walter C. Lane, Department of State, P.O. Box 820, Trenton, NJ 08625-0820.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Commission and the Executive Director and staff of the Office for Planning Advocacy are hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and 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 October 7, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas K. Wright". The signature is stylized with a large initial "T" and "W".

Thomas K. Wright, Chairman
State Planning Commission
Date: October 7, 2026