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R E S O L U T I O N

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF A PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY,
THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196(e) finds that “[a] cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of State, regional, county, and local governments as well as other public and private sector interests will enhance prudent and rational development, redevelopment and conservation policies and the formulation of sound and consistent regional plans and planning criteria;” and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199(d) directs the State Planning Commission (SPC) to “[p]rovide technical assistance to local governments and regional entities in order to encourage the use of the most effective and efficient planning and development review data, tools and procedures;” and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Jersey Program, a non-profit 501(c)(3) partnership organized in The College of New Jersey, is a network of municipalities, schools and school districts working collectively to bring about a sustainable New Jersey, whose mission is to empower New Jersey communities to build a better world for future generations with the tools, training and financial incentives necessary to pursue critical sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey was founded in partnership with New Jersey State agencies, specifically NJDEP and NJBPU, to help coordinate local efforts to meet statewide goals, and NJDEP and NJBPU serve in an ex-officio capacity on the Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, staffs of both the Office of Planning Advocacy (OPA) and Sustainable Jersey (SJ) have identified similarities in both programs related to land use sustainability goals and objectives and have identified efficiencies that can be had by municipalities that are involved in both the Plan Endorsement and SJ certification process by coordinating programmatic requirements; and,

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the State Planning Commission approve and adopt the Synergy Proposal, attached, in furtherance of the partnership between the Office of Planning Advocacy, the State Planning Commission, and Sustainable Jersey. The proposal includes the 2/26/21 Synergy Proposal, the list of towns currently involved in both processes and current crosswalk document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Planning Commission approves and adopts the Synergy Proposal attached, in furtherance of the partnership between the Office of Planning Advocacy, the State Planning Commission and Sustainable Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if it is determined that a Memorandum of Understanding is required, that MOU will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting the Proposal, in all other aspects, the State Planning Commission grants the Executive Director authority to take all actions necessary to effectuate implementation of this partnership.

I hereby certify that this resolution was
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission
at its meeting on March 3, 2021



Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary
State Planning Commission
Dated: March 3, 2021