RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE PLAN POLICY MAP IN PRINCETON, MERCER COUNTY

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, pursuant to its authority under N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, the Commission has adopted regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:85-8.3 et seq., that establish a process for amendments to the State Plan Policy Map of the State Plan as a means to implement the State Plan and to foster cooperation and coordination of planning activities between State agencies and county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019, the Commission chose to initiate a State Plan Policy Map amendment to change 34 acres of land in Princeton, Mercer County from a Fringe Area (PA 3) to a Suburban Planning Area (PA 2) described in the attached document entitled “Justification for State Planning Commission Initiated Map Amendment” (Justification Report); and

WHEREAS, public notice of the hearing concerning the proposed map amendment was made pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(b) and property owners within 200 feet of the proposed map amendment were mailed notice of the meeting concerning the map amendment and notified that the proposed map amendment was available online at and at the New Jersey Department of State, Office for Planning Advocacy, 225 West State Street, 4th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 33 West State Street; and
WHEREAS, after public notice was made, the required public hearing was held on July 2, 2019 in the Princeton Municipal Building at 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. A copy of the associated exhibits were made available for public inspection at the meeting and at the New Jersey Department of State, Office for Planning Advocacy, 225 West State Street, 4th Floor, P.O. Box 820, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0820 and was also available electronically on the Office of Planning Advocacy’s website; and

WHEREAS, the staff from the Office for Planning Advocacy made a presentation about the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan), the State Plan Map and the proposed Map Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to comment orally, and in written form until August 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty (20) members of the public attended the public hearing and about eight (8) people commented; and

WHEREAS, the comments made at the meeting are summarized in the attached Justification Report; and

WHEREAS, no comments were received by mail in letter form and one e-mail was received regarding the amendment; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Mercer County and Princeton were supportive of the proposal by the State Planning Commission to amend the State Plan Policy Map;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby agrees to authorize a State Plan Policy Map amendment to change:

Block 901, Lots 19, 20, 21 and 22 and
Block 902, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

in Princeton to a Suburban Planning Area (PA 2) based on the justification provided in the attached document entitled “Justification for State Planning Commission Initiated Map Amendment” which document is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

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.