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June 18, 2007

Mr. George Ververides, PP, AICP
Director of Planning
Middlesex County Department of Planning
40 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

Re: Middlesex County Group One Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement

Dear Mr. Ververides:

The Office of Smart Growth (OSG) is in receipt of the County's letter of June 4, 2007 indicating the County's intent to withdraw the Group One Petition from the Plan Endorsement process in order to pursue county-wide plan endorsement. OSG agrees with the County that this is the best course of action as county-wide plan endorsement will provide more meaningful benefits and will provide a clear vision and framework for the county's constituent municipalities to rely upon.

In response to your request, documents that have already been submitted to OSG electronically or in hard-copy (10 hard copies) will not be required to be resubmitted as part of the County's new petition for county-wide plan endorsement.

Thank you again for your commitment to pursuing plan endorsement on a county-wide level. I would like to encourage you to schedule an informational meeting with OSG to discuss the new plan endorsement process as soon as possible. Please contact Barry Ableman, Principal Planner, with any questions or concerns at 609-292-3228 or via email at bableman@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin L. Spinelli".

Benjamin Spinelli
Acting Executive Director

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