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June 9, 2006

The Honorable Mark Dykoff
Mayor of Lacey Township
818 West Lacey Road
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Re: Lacey Township Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement Considered Withdrawn

Dear Mayor Dykoff:

Thank you for your participation in the State Planning Commission's Plan Endorsement process. The purpose of this letter is to update you regarding the status of the Lacey Township petition for Initial Plan Endorsement that was submitted to the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) on February 2, 2006.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5 (b), the Township was required to submit an amended petition to OSG within 90 days of receipt of notice of the OSG's determination regarding the completeness of the Township's initial petition, which was sent out in a letter dated March 2, 2006.

As the Office of Smart Growth did not receive an amended petition within the 90-day time period which ended on June 1, 2006, the initial petition is considered to have been withdrawn. No further action will be taken by the Office of Smart Growth until a new or revised petition is submitted in accordance with the State Planning Rules.

It is my understanding that the Township will continue to pursue Initial Plan Endorsement and plans to prepare and submit a new petition. The Office of Smart Growth and the state agencies remain committed to working closely with you to help the Township to achieve its goals.

Prior to submitting a new petition, I would strongly recommend scheduling another pre-petition meeting with the OSG and our state agency partners. This meeting will provide an opportunity for your planning consultant to be provided with the requisite guidance on how to assemble the petition and how the state agencies evaluate petitions for consistency with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan.

I have attached the requirements on how to request a pre-petition meeting as well as a list of documents that have already been submitted. To request the pre-petition meeting, the Township does not need to

submit any documents that have already been submitted, but should submit any newly adopted or revised documents.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Plan Endorsement process. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jung Kim, Area Planner for Ocean County, in the Office of Smart Growth at (609)-633-6139 or via email at jkim@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eileen Swan', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Swan
Executive Director

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