



Township of Bedminster

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Benjamin L. Spinelli
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Office of Smart Growth
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Dear Mr. Spinelli:

Please accept this as a formal request that the expired Pluckemin Town Center and Bedminster Village Center in Bedminster Township receive temporary status as the Township advances its petition for Plan Endorsement. As you know the Office of Smart Growth issued an Opportunities and Constraints Report on July 3, 2008 that raised two issues:

1. OSG would not accept the Township's Vision statement since it was prepared outside of the process established by the State Planning Commission; and
2. DEP recommended that the Village of Bedminster center boundary be reduced as to protect endangered and threatened habitat within the designated area.

I am pleased to inform you that the Community Visioning process is under way. The Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Bedminster Planning Board will conduct visioning workshops on May 14th and June 11th, and expects to conduct the required public hearings in July.

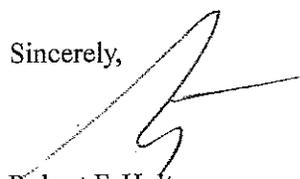
Additionally, the Township would accept the Bedminster Town Center boundary recommended by DEP during the temporary period, and retain the existing boundary in Pluckemin.

It is especially important to reestablish these centers, the population, commercial and service centers of the Township, as they are key elements in the Bedminster Township master plan.

If you need additional information to advance this request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Holtaway
Mayor

Attachments

C: Judy Sullivan, Clerk
Alan Miller, OSG
Barry Ableman, OSG ✓