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The Honorable Joseph Barbagallo
Mayor, Township of Montague
277 Clove Road
Montague, New Jersey 07827

Re: Extension of the Opportunities and Constraints Review Phase for Plan Endorsement

Dear Mayor Barbagallo:

On December 22nd The New Jersey Office of Smart Growth (OSG) extended the timeline for the Opportunities and Constraints review period and requested additional information. To date, OSG has not received the requested additional information. As a result, OSG staff will not be able to complete Montague Township's consistency review by the February 26th deadline. The office will be utilizing the 60-day extension provided in the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.10, to ensure a comprehensive Opportunities and Constraints review is completed for Montague Township's petition for Plan Endorsement.

OSG has taken the liberty of preparing a shapefile for the Tri-State Center based on a 1998 Center Designation report prepared by Wayne McCabe and authorized by Mayor Joseph Zitone. This shapefile is subject to further revision. OSG will also be utilizing the information from this 1998 report in lieu of the center criteria chart that would have been contained in the MSA. Page 14 of Montague's Municipal Self Assessment states; "Tax assessment data for number of households, square footage of commercial properties and acres of vacant land are currently being calculated by the Township Tax Assessor's office." Please submit this data to OSG as soon as it is ready. OSG will complete the Township of Montague's consistency review four weeks after receiving the tax assessment data.

Thank you for your continued interest in pursuing Plan Endorsement. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kate Meade, OSG Planner for Montague Township, at (609) 633-8573 or via email at kmeade@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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NJ Office of Smart Growth

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