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GOVERNOR WHITMAN PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE STATE PLAN



Governor Christine Todd Whitman

Editor's Note: In her second inaugural address on January 20, 1998 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, Governor Whitman set forth an aggressive agenda for the next four years, and reaffirmed her support of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan. The following are highlights of the inaugural speech, particularly, the Governor's advancement of the goals and objectives of the State Plan, and her push for state agencies, and municipalities to use the tenets of the State Plan in their land use planning, permitting and funding decisions.

" Madam Chief Justice, my distinguished predecessors, members of the Legislature, my family, friends, and fellow citizens:

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as the governor — as I said just last week — of the greatest state in the greatest nation on earth.

I have made it a hallmark of my administration to part from tradition. So today we do so once more. We celebrate this solemn occasion here in our state's spectacular new Performing Arts Center. Here in Newark, a city undergoing a true renaissance. Here, in a hall which trumpets our belief that the arts are an integral part of any civilized society and every proud state. Here, on the edge of a new century, a new millennium — a new tomorrow.

I begin my second term filled with hope for New Jersey. New Jersey - where more of us are working. Where our streets are the safest they've been in decades. Where our schools improve every day. Where beaches sparkle and the arts thrive. Where our ports make us a gateway to the world. Where people can boast of good careers and bright futures. And where families are proud to call the Garden State home.

How do we continue this momentum? How can we make sure

the New Jersey our children inherit lives up to its potential? What legacy can we leave them as we leave this century behind?

These past four years form a tapestry in my mind. A tapestry of faces. Families. Churches. Schools. Forests. Beaches. Wildlife. And highways, always highways. So often, what was natural land two or three years ago is now a shopping center or a housing development or an office building.

Spending so much time in a car seeing New Jersey roll by has given me a sense of urgency about our state's future. I have a vision for that future — a vision for rebuilding our cities, preserving our open space, and enriching our sense of personal responsibility.

As I said last week in my State of the State address, I want to make our state more affordable, our schools stronger, and our communities safer. Ultimately, my mission is to make New Jersey more livable. So I will concentrate my second term on improving the quality of life for all New Jerseyans. I want to help forge a state with thriving communities. With greater opportunities to enjoy New Jersey. With more open space preserved for all generations for all time.

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I want to start by drawing on the vast potential of our cities. We all recognize the remarkable effect that the New Jersey Performing Arts Center is having here in Newark. People are feeling a new sense of hope. . .

The same optimism is building around Camden's entertainment center, New Brunswick's theater district, and Atlantic City's new convention center. I want New Jersey to use anchor projects like these to create ripples of redevelopment. Let's bring new homes, new businesses, and a renewed confidence to the people of our cities.

We've already begun this transformation. We've made it easier to reclaim abandoned factories and



demolish dangerous buildings. We've created thousands of new homes. Along the way, the State has invested more than \$600 million in the cities we targeted. And, of course, our work to improve schools and fight crime is already making a difference.

But our cities need to overcome another problem before they can flourish.

Right now, too many buildings we see boarded up stay that way for an eternity. Their owners fall hopelessly behind in paying their taxes. But the city finds it too difficult to take action. And so they sit there, ugly and unprofitable for anyone except a drug dealer. It's hard to rebuild a neighborhood with these

eyesores standing in the way.

So today I propose we enact legislation that enables cities to acquire and redevelop these properties. And I promise to dedicate \$400 million in State financing and redevelopment funds for projects in these neighborhoods.

Urban mayors, I give you my word: Together, we can pull down those boards. Together, we can raise up these neighborhoods.

But taking care of bricks and mortar isn't enough. Our cities also need another kind of renewal: a renewal of faith, hope, and confidence. That's why I've launched a Faith-Based Community Development Initiative. We will expand our support of religious organizations that are already building shopping centers, offering job training, and providing child care in their communities.

I am proud to announce a State commitment of \$5 million for this initiative. We have already found two business partners, and we'll look for more.

And that seed money will grow. Three years ago we started a Community Development Bank for our cities with \$2 million. Now that bank has some \$30 million in public and private funds available.

Religious leaders have had a tremendous impact on their communities. Let's help them and their congregations spark new energy in their neighborhoods.

There's another thing we can do for our cities.

Urban mayors want help in giving their residents education and job training to improve their lives and the lives of their children. Our community colleges lead the way in providing this opportunity. Everyone should be able to afford a higher education so they can fulfill their dreams.

So today I am making a long-term commitment to these colleges by fully funding the \$12 million increase that these institutions have asked for this year. And I am pleased to report that the community colleges have responded by

announcing a tuition freeze for the coming year. Our students deserve it — and the strength of our cities demands it.

Strong cities improve the quality of life not only for their residents but for all of us. They give us a sense of place and a sense of pride. Just as important, they can help stem the spread of suburban sprawl.

In writing about New Jersey, National Geographic claimed, and I quote: "once-isolated villages have expanded so rapidly that outsiders cannot tell where one ends and another begins." That article was written in 1933, when our population was half the size it is today.

Every part of New Jersey suffers when we plan haphazardly. Sprawl eats up our open space. It creates traffic jams that boggle the mind and pollute the air. Sprawl can make one feel downright claustrophobic about our future.

Fortunately, New Jersey already has a strategy to deal with these problems. It's called the State Plan — a blueprint for redeveloping cities, relieving congestion, and containing sprawl. These are goals we all want for New Jersey.

So let's enable municipalities to reach these goals. Let's help them remain places in which we want to live and can afford to live. Let's give towns a better way to plan their futures. For example, the courts have said that towns trying to manage growth don't have the statutory power to control their own pace of development. I say our towns need that power. And so I call upon the Legislature to act now to change the laws and give them that control.

Also, too many towns bend over backwards to pursue development, hoping it will help balance their budgets. In the process, they strain not only their backs but also the services needed to support this development. The result is a double whammy: less open space and higher property taxes.

Today, I am asking the property tax commission I appointed to recommend how communities can avoid

a chase they can't win. For instance, let's give towns a guidebook to determine the true costs and benefits of a developer's proposal. In this way, we can empower town leaders and citizens to decide on a project based on hard facts and real estimates.

But state government can do more to make a difference. And we will.

I have already directed my Cabinet to use the State Plan as a fundamental guide in making permit and funding decisions. Today I am further directing them to give priority to applications that meet the Plan's goal of developing where infrastructure is already in place.

And we'll create one of the greatest incentives state government can offer a town: a pledge to get out of your way. Give us a true commitment to build where it makes sense, in concert with the State Plan, and we'll give you up-front approval on all your development projects.

That means good projects can get the green light in weeks instead of years. And quicker approvals mean lower costs.

We've tried it in one town, and it's working. Let's make sure it works everywhere.

I've talked a lot about open space today because I know it's important to all of us. Time and again, we New Jerseyans have voted to protect open space and farmland. We've saved hundreds of thousands of acres since 1961.

In just the past four years, we have preserved 115,000 acres — including record amounts of farmland. That's a great down-payment on our quality of life, and we can be proud of what we have achieved.

But we can do better. We must. This land helps clean our air. It gives us the water we drink, the food we eat, the places we play, and the tourist dollars we need to thrive. We have an obligation to be good stewards of these blessings.

Today, I am setting a goal that will nearly triple our pace and preserve another 300,000 acres during the next four years. Our ultimate goal

will be to preserve 1 million acres in the coming decade.

This may seem unreachable now. But I believe it can be done.

During my first term, I challenged my Council on New Jersey Outdoors to recommend a stable source of funding to accomplish this goal.

Last week I was briefed on their ideas. The Senate President has outlined a funding proposal of his own. Today I pledge to work with him and the Legislature to establish a permanent, stable source of funding — this year.

Let's win the space race — the open space race.

I want to address another quality of life problem that frustrates so many of us: traffic and the amount of time it takes to get to work and back each day.

I will be announcing within the next 60 days a strategic transportation plan for the 21st century. This plan will address the need to increase bus and train lines, restore crumbling bridges, improve safety on our local roads, and relieve congestion.

This strategy deals with the larger picture of infrastructure. But there are other ways to use transportation dollars to improve our families' quality of life.

Once again, we can make New Jersey a national leader. Let's provide safe, inviting trails for our bikers and hikers, as well as for school children and seniors.

I propose we create 2,000 miles of bike paths in urban and rural areas within the next decade and improve pedestrian paths around our schools and senior centers. And I'm committing \$15 million in the budget this year to get started.

When I talk about strong cities and bike paths and open space, I'm talking about a sustainable society — a society in which we protect the resources we have today so they are there for us tomorrow. We all have a stake in this, and we need to know where we stand.

So, for the first time, the State of New Jersey will establish ways to

measure our quality of life and report on our progress.

We'll let you know about things that matter to you: the quality of our water, the status of our cities, the traffic on our streets, the health of our children. And we'll tell you just how we're doing in saving open space and containing sprawl — good, bad, or ugly.

I spoke last week in my State of the State address about holding government accountable. That's exactly what this report will do. You deserve to know.

Together, we can create a New Jersey we will be proud to pass on to our children and grandchildren. A New Jersey in which all our communities prosper. In which fertile farms,



sparkling waters, and breathtaking mountain views remain lasting treasures.

We can achieve the goal I set last week. Together, we can make New Jersey truly the Best Place to Live in America...

...Fellow New Jerseyans, eight million strong: you are a great, free, happy, and intelligent people. You are a thoughtful and generous people. You cherish our liberty. You enrich our prosperity. And I am deeply proud to serve you as Governor.

Thank you very much. "

Governor Christine Todd Whitman
Tuesday, January 20, 1998

OSP NEWS YOU CAN USE...

Since the last printing of State Planning Notes, several changes have taken place within the State Planning Commission and the Office of State Planning. . .



Joseph J. Maraziti Jr.

Joseph Maraziti, Jr. Becomes New Chairman of State Planning Commission

On April 16, 1998, Governor Whitman presided over the swearing-in ceremony of Joseph Maraziti, Jr. as the new Chairman of the New Jersey State Planning Commission. Mr. Maraziti's nomination was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on March 30, 1998.

Mr. Maraziti is a partner with the law firm Maraziti, Falcon & Healey, specializing in legal matters regarding environmental and infrastructure-related issues, and has successfully litigated matters involving a wide range of environmental law and regulations. He is active in numerous professional and civic organizations regarding the environment serving on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation, founding chair of the Morris County Bar Association Environmental Law Committee, an associate of the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC, and Chairman of Morris 2000. He is also a member of the Regional Plan Association and Vice-Chairman of New Jersey Future.

Governor Whitman Re-Nominates State Planning Commission Members

The Governor has renominated Michele Byers and Dianne Brake as Public Members to the State Planning Commission.

Ms. Byers is from Pemberton Township and is the Assistant Director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, a private non-profit organization that promotes the conservation of open spaces and natural resources throughout New Jersey. She is a member of the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board and the Pemberton Township Lions Club. Ms. Byers has served on the Commission since 1996. She was also elected as Vice Chair of the State Planning Commission at its January 28th meeting

Ms. Brake is from West Windsor and is the

President of the Middlesex-Somerset-Mercer Regional Council, a non-profit, research planning and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the quality of community life through sound land development and conservation policies and regional cooperation. Ms. Brake has served on the Commission since 1996 and chairs the Plan Implementation Committee.

Governor Whitman has also nominated Douglas H. Palmer, Mayor of the City of Trenton, to the State Planning Commission. Mayor Palmer will represent local government and urban community issues. Mayor Palmer was elected to office in 1990, becoming the first African-American mayor of New Jersey's Capitol City.

SPC FORUMS

The State Planning Commission sponsored two information forums on relevant planning issues facing New Jersey.

Planned Density Transfers

With the passage of legislation allowing for the transfer of density between non-contiguous parcels (non-contiguous parcel clustering) and the New Jersey State Planning Commission's release of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan: Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan into cross-acceptance, the Office of State Planning sought a consultant to prepare a paper discussing the opportunities and limitations of planned density transfers.

Mr. David Kinsey, Principle of Kinsey and Hand of Princeton, prepared and presented a report to the Commission at its December 3, 1997 meeting in Trenton. The report addresses the principles of density transfer, and how this technique may further the objectives of the State Plan especially in planning for centers and protecting environs and the challenges of this new planning technique.

A copy of the report, or an OSP Memo adapted from the report, can be obtained by contacting the Office of State Planning at 609-292-7156, or on the OSP Web Site at <http://www.state.nj.us/osp/>.

Planned Centers - Recent Experience

On January 28th, 1998 the State Planning Commission held a Forum on Planned Centers — Recent Experience in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Forum was held after the Commission's regular business meeting and attracted approximately 65 interested participants, including municipal officials, developers, lenders, planners and regulators.

Robert Melvin, planning director for Washington Township (Mercer county) spoke on his municipality's experience with planning and permitting a planned new Town Center in the Robbinsville area. Mr. Melvin described the local planning process, which has taken 13 years, emphasizing the importance of a long-term commitment on the part of the municipality, without which complex projects such as this will not occur. The Washington Town Center involves transfer of development rights, and significant farmland and open space preservation, in addition to the construction of a new mixed-use focal point for Washington Township. Mr. Melvin also discussed aspects of the state permitting process, currently underway, and the need for a unified approach to evaluating state permits for new Centers.

Thomas Comitta, a planning consultant based in West Chester, discussed several planning initiatives in the greater Philadelphia region and in Lancaster county, and drew some parallels with similar efforts in New Jersey. He described the characteristics of Centers and the reasons for their enduring success and showed slides of some Center-based projects currently under construction in the area. Lastly, Carlos Rodrigues, Manager of Special Projects for the Office of State Planning — filling in for the third speaker who was unable at the last minute to attend — provided a brief overview of a large mixed-use project approved by the Lakewood Board of Adjustment in 1996. A lively discussion with members of the audience followed the presentations by the speakers.

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 1998

The State Planning Commission has adopted a schedule of meetings for 1998. We encourage you to mark your calendars and attend these meetings.

Wednesday, May 27
Wednesday, June 24
Wednesday, July 22
Wednesday, August 26
Wednesday, September 23
Wednesday, October 28
Wednesday, December 2

Commission meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. at the State House Annex, 125 West State Street, Senate Committee Room 4. To confirm date, time or location, please call our toll-free information line at 1-800-522-0129.

Staff Changes...

There have been several additions to the Office of State Planning staff:



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As the Environmental Projects Coordinator for OSP, Jessica Sanchez is responsible for reviewing a wide array of environmental initiatives and working with agencies at all levels of government to advance the goals and objectives of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. Included in her purview are water supply, waste water management, storm water management and watershed management. She will also provide staff support efforts for the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force.

Jessica was a Marion Johnson Fellow at Rutgers, where she pursued an interest in the successful joining of science and policy and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1996. Her dissertation research focused on integrating local and regional interests in water protection strategies.

Prior to joining the staff in December 1997, Jessica worked with the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) and Rutgers University in a collaborative effort to determine the potential for re-use in some of the Department of Energy's most contaminated weapons manufacturing sites. A native of the Delaware Valley, Jessica has also lived and worked in Florida where she began her career developing Master Plans for one of the state's premier community developers.



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Barbara is the Northwest Field Representative covering Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren counties. A licensed professional planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, she received her Masters degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University. Barbara joined the Office of State Planning in February 1998 after more than twenty years of experience in municipal and county planning.

Just prior to coming to OSP, she served as a Principal Planner in the Growth Management Division of the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development. Her experience also includes serving as Chair of a Municipal Planning Board and as a County Planning Commissioner. At the municipal level, Barbara also has experience in planning and zoning administration and enforcement.

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Cathe Doolan works as a public affairs assistant. Her responsibilities include: tracking and analyzing legislation, producing educational materials for the commission and the public, conducting workshops, conferences and training sessions on planning issues and coordinating activities of the State Planning Commission in working with municipal and county officials.

Before joining the Office of State Planning, in January 1998, Cathe was the Property Manager and office support staff in her family real estate business. She also worked in the Edward Marshall Boehm Porcelain Studios as a decorator and in the graphic arts department. Cathe graduated from Trenton State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.



Catherine Doolan

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Trish is OSP's new Database/GIS specialist. She will be working with Steve Karp and Bill Bauer in expanding and integrating our GIS and online databases, as well as working with the Brownfields database development. She will also be developing desktop mapping capabilities for the planning staff.

Trish received a Masters degree in Environmental Monitoring (GIS and remote sensing) this winter from University of Wisconsin. She also has a BS in Environmental Science from Cook College, and GIS experience working for NJDEP, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the National Park Service.



Trish Maggio

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NEW CENTERS DESIGNATED!

The State Planning Commission recently approved six new center designations at their January 28, February 25, and April 22 meetings - one Village, Oxford in Warren County; and four Town Centers, Gloucester City in Camden County, Wanaque and Bloomingdale in Passaic County, and Washington Township in Mercer County; and one Regional Center, The Wildwoods in Cape May County. {insert pictures of designation presentations from January 28 , February 25 and April 22.}

OXFORD



David Hojsak; Jay Cranmer; Fay Yeager, Chair, Oxford Township Planning Board; David Dech, Warren County Planning Director; Herb Simmens

The first, a Village designation, went to Oxford Township in Warren County at the January 28 meeting. There was concern about the town's need to strengthen agriculture policies and at the same time to permit future growth. The Office of State Planning will be working closely with Oxford Township to develop concept cluster plans taking into consideration the environmental sensitivity and the rural character of the area surrounding Oxford Village. By amending the Community Development Boundary these clusters could be incorporated into the village center where possible or they would be kept within pedestrian proximity otherwise. The zoning for business and industrial areas will be reviewed and possibly revised to establish realistic guidelines to control the buildout of these zones.

GLouceSTER CITY



David Hojsak; Jay Cranmer; Barbara Wolley, PPK Associates, Planning Consultant; Herb Simmens

The second, a Town Center designation, went to Gloucester City in Camden County, also at the January 28 meeting. Gloucester City is located on the Delaware River across from Philadelphia. It is part of the Camden-Philadelphia Port, the second largest deep water port system in the United States. The city, though rich in historical heritage and community involvement has experienced extreme fiscal distress related to the decline of its industrial base since the end of World War II. Gloucester City is almost fully developed. Future growth to the city will have to be in the form of redevelopment, infill, adaptive use and the conservation and preservation of the cities natural resources. With community involvement the city has taken the initiative to develop a comprehensive Economic / Strategic Plan involving its six mixed use redevelopment districts . The Town Center Designation, along with the Delaware River Waterfront redevelopment projects, should foster its economic revitalization.

The Boroughs of Wanaque and Bloomingdale received Town Center designations at the February 25 State Planning Commission meeting. Both boroughs are located in Passaic County (the Highlands Region), adjacent to the Wanaque Watershed, which is an environmentally sensitive area and supplies one-fourth of the States' drinking water. Each municipality has agreed to concentrate the majority of employment growth within its community development boundary located in Planning Areas 1 and 2, while leaving the majority of the environs in Planning Area 5 as open land.

At the SPC April 22 meeting, Wildwood City, Wildwood Crest Borough, North Wildwood City, and West Wildwood Borough, collectively known as The Wildwoods in Cape May County, were jointly designated as a Regional Center. The Wildwoods are located on the Cape May County barrier island known as Five Mile Island, and have been a family summer beach destination for over one hundred years. The four municipalities have historically been considered a single resort, although there are differences in the age and quality of the housing stocks, as well as other differences in commercial development.

The Wildwoods petition articulates the role of the four municipalities as a single economic entity and Regional Center, and lists actions that will help to continue and improve that role. The petition includes the Wildwoods 2000 Plan which addresses, on a regional, island-wide basis, the problems and opportunities for revitalization.

Additionally, the Township of Washington in Mercer County was designated as a Town Center. Washington Township is located in southeastern Mercer County and encompasses 20.5 square miles. Washington Township's Town Center is the first attempt in New Jersey to put neo-traditional design principles into practice. When complete, the center will be comprised of a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented community that emulates the State Plan's vision of a "Community of Place." It also represents the Township's attempt to control sprawl, and to retain the rural character of the environs. The Township's commitment to this project has remained constant throughout the exhaustive 13 year process. The Town Center has been institutionalized into Washington Township's master plan and zoning ordinance.

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WILDWOODS
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WANAQUE



Jay Cranmer; Warren Hagstrom, Mayor; Herb Simmens; Tom Carroll, Administrator; Joe Augustyn, Consultant

BLOOMINGDALE



Jay Cranmer; Anne Duttaime, Mayor; Bill Wilk, Administrator; Randy Gottesman, Consultant; Herb Simmens, Fay Yeager, Chair, Oxford Township Planning Board; David Dech, Warren County Planning Director; Herb Simmens

WASHINGTON TWP.



Michael Dill, Business Administrator; Herb Simmens; Joe Maraziti; Glen Bebee, Mayor; Rosemary Pramuk, Committeeperson; Janet VanNest, Planning Board Member; Robert Melvin, Planning Director; Paul Pogorzelski, Van Cleef Engineering Associates

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DESIGNATED CENTERS

REGIONAL CENTERS

Bridgewater-Raritan-Somerville
Dover (Morris)
Long Branch
Millville-Vineland
Morristown
Newton
Princeton
Red Bank
Stafford
The Wildwoods

URBAN CENTERS

Atlantic City
Camden
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Jersey City
New Brunswick
Newark
Paterson
Trenton

TOWNS

Andover Borough
Bloomingdale
Elmer
Freehold Borough
Gloucester City
Hightstown
Hopatcong
Metuchen
New Egypt (Plumsted Township)
Ridgefield
Wanaque
Washington Twp. (Mercer)
Woodstown

VILLAGES

Cape May Point
Cranbury
Hopewell (Mercer)
Mendham Borough
Oxford

NEW JERSEY

PLANNING WATCH..



DEP - Protecting Our Water: Solutions That Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey held a conference on Friday, March 13, to learn about the nonpoint source (NPS) pollution that is degrading water quality and threatening the State's aquatic life, fishing and shellfishing, tourism, recreation and, most importantly, our drinking water supplies.

Over one hundred participants met at the Holiday Inn in Clinton for a day of presentations and dialog about this important topic. Following a video overview and introduction to DEP's watershed management framework, Laurie Giannotti and James Gibbons from the University of Connecticut's Extension Service presented "Linking Land Use to Water Quality," a slide program about reducing NPS developed by the Service's NEMO Project. NEMO stands for Nonpoint Source Education for Municipal Officials, a program designed to inform and support municipal actions to control land use-based pollution. Eight presenters in the afternoon breakout sessions covered a broad spectrum of home management solutions, municipal opportunities, community involvement strategies and specialized tools for reducing NPS pollution.

Caroline Armstrong, Principal Planner for Hunterdon County,

spoke about the development of East Amwell's plan to focus growth in compact centers, a strategy endorsed by the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and which eliminates the sprawling development patterns that broadcast NPS throughout a watershed.

Information on NPS, watershed management and water resource protection practices is available from a variety of sources, including NJDEP's Office of Environmental Planning and Science (609/633-1179), the League of Women Voters (609/394-3303), ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, 973/539-7547), Rutgers Cooperative Extension (732/932-9634, ext.16) and from the NEMO web page: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/CANR/ces/nemo1.html>

Hunterdon County - "New Directions for New Communities": A Hunterdon County Design Workshop

The Hunterdon County Planning Board is sponsoring a design workshop that provides hands-on experience in designing new developments that complement the rural and historic character of Hunterdon County. The workshop will be facilitated by nationally recognized planning and design consultants. Participants will use established design guidelines to develop a conceptual plan for a particular site within Hunterdon County. There

will also be an in-depth discussion on the State Plan's "centers" concept and how it applies to the county.

Funded through a Cross-Acceptance grant from the NJ State Planning Commission, the workshop will be held on May 5, 1998, at the Holiday Inn, Clinton, NJ. The workshop will consist of two working sessions; the first from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; the second, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The workshop is open to the public (no registration fee). However, participants are required to pre-register by April 22, 1998. For additional information, you may contact the Hunterdon County Planning Board at (908) 788-1490.

STATE PLAN MAPS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!

The Office of State Planning has prepared a variety of large-scale, color display maps of the State Plan and Sewer Service Areas at statewide, regional and county scales. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of these or any other maps which may be available, or the GIS files from which these maps were developed, see the Map Products page on the OSP Web Site (<http://www.state.nj.us/osp/>). There will be a nominal fee for multiple copies and custom maps. For additional information, contact Steve Karp at (609) 292-3160 or karp_s@tre.state.nj.us.

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