

# Cross-Acceptance

## Notes

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## Next SPC Meeting:

**Wednesday, January 28, 1998**  
9:00 am

State House Annex  
Senate Committee Room 4  
125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

#### Tentative Agenda:

- Annual Meeting
- Election of Vice Chair
- Center Designations
- Cross-Acceptance Update
- State Agency Reports

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## CD-ROM version of Plan now available

A new way to view the State Plan is available to counties and municipalities, as well as the public. A compact disk now contains the current State Plan, as well as the working and presentation versions of the 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan. The CD-ROM is compatible with most 486- or pentium-based personal computers, and can be run with Windows 3.1, '95 or NT operating systems. It also works on Macintosh computers.

"NJ State Planning 1997" includes other information of value to planners, such as the Municipal Land Use Law, the County Planning Enabling Legislation, and the State Planning and Fair Housing Acts. The OSP Model enables the user to test alternate growth scenarios. And, the CD-ROM brings the State Plan to life, with interactive video clips or pictures that relate to key aspects of the Plan.

You may view the CD-ROM at a State repository library, or you may contact the Office of State Planning for a free copy. All requests will be honored in a timely fashion, but due to limited supplies, will be met on a first-come, first-served basis. We welcome your use of the CD-ROM, and any comments on how to improve the next version.

## Update on Cross-Acceptance Activities

- ➔ All 21 counties held Joint Public Information Meetings, where approximately a thousand people brought their questions and recommendations for improving the State Plan.
- ➔ Hudson County will be finalizing its Urban Complex Strategic Plan during cross-acceptance.
- ➔ Middlesex County is focusing its efforts on seven strategic regions and will prepare sub-county strategic plans for each region.
- ➔ Mercer County is giving particular attention to developing indicators and targets on the State, county and local levels compatible with the State Plan.
- ➔ Hunterdon County is working with municipalities to improve design policies on all levels of government.
- ➔ The Delaware Bay Counties and NJDEP are meeting to discuss the proposed CAFRA interested party rule that incorporates the State Plan on December 18 in Millville.
- ➔ Salem County Environmental Commission is sponsoring "Growing Green" with a presentation by Randall Arendt on January 17, 1998.
- ➔ A number of counties are holding follow-up meetings. Call your local county planning office, or our toll-free number (1-800-522-0129) to find the meeting near you.

## Density Transfer Forum Gains Statewide Attention

At the last State Planning Commission meeting, a Forum on Density Transfers was covered by New Jersey Network News. Planning Consultant David Kinsey presented a paper on non-contiguous density transfers. Developer Stephen Samost, attorney Michele Donato and planner Jay Lynch provided their perspectives on the opportunities and constraints of using this new tool.

A recent change in the Municipal Land Use Law enables municipalities to promote development in more compact forms, consistent with the State Plan, while preserving farmland or other natural resources. The central message was that capacity-based plans should be developed through a public process before any transfer program is established. The program should be simple and equitable to all involved. And, successful transfer programs may involve more than one technique (e.g., ordinances, investments, and cooperative arrangements).

Over 60 people attended the Forum. Questions from the audience related to specific applications of density transfers in various parts of New Jersey.

The Forum will be summarized in the next *OSPlanning Memo*. An executive summary, as well as the full report are also available from OSP.

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## **Publications available from OSP:**

- Communities of Place, the N.J. State Development & Redevelopment Plan* (1992)
- Presentation Version* of 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan
- Working Version* of 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan
- CD-ROM Version* of 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan
- Cross-Acceptance Manual* (1997)
- Overview* of the 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan
- Executive Summary* of the 1997 Reexamination Report and Preliminary Plan
- What A Difference A State Plan Makes! A Citizen's Guide to the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan* (1997)
- OSP Cross-Acceptance Memo #1: Center Designation and Plan Endorsements During Cross-Acceptance (1997)
- OSP Cross-Acceptance Memo #2: Key Concepts (1997)
- NJOSP Growth Simulation Model - Version 2 Users Guide (1997)

**To obtain these or other publications during cross-acceptance, contact OSP.**