Recently Adopted NJDEP WQMP Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15) ***(represents minimum WQMP review standard)***	**Final Draft RMP Standards applied to WQMP reviews (*Highlands Council WQMP reviews prior to RMP Adoption*)** Note: **Red text** indicates resource not specifically addressed by WQMP Rules	**Future Consistency Review Scenario: Full RMP Review Standards** ***(represents maximum WQMP review standard)*** Note: **Red text** indicates resource not specifically addressed by WQMP rules Blue text indicates source of standards to provide to NJDEP
• Enhanced natural resource protection (N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.25) applied through restriction on SSA delineation in four environmentally sensitive areas (T&E wildlife species habitat, Natural Heritage Program priority sites, special water resource protection areas along a Category One waters and their tributaries, and wetlands) and municipal adoption of the following protection ordinances: o Water supply and service areas o Steep slopes o Riparian zones o Stormwater o Water quality impacts (non-point source and point source) • Water and Wastewater capacity examined in full build-out, except for urban areas which use a 20-year planning build-out. • Requires septic system yield analysis for areas outside SSAs using NJDEP nitrate targets of 2.0 mg/l.	• RMP standards applied to sewer service area changes consist of a more comprehensive set of natural resource and historic/cultural resource GPOs: o Steep Slopes o Highlands Open Waters and Riparian Areas o Critical Habitat (includes T&E wildlife species habitat and Significant Natural Areas and Vernal Pools with 1000 foot buffers) o Carbonate Rock Areas o Lake Management Areas o Forest Resource Areas and forest resources o Agricultural Resource Areas and important soils o Prime ground water recharge areas o Wellhead protection areas o Total Maximum Daily Loads o Water availability and deficit subwatershed mitigation o Historic & cultural resources (presence) • Water and Wastewater capacity evaluated • Smart Growth standards not applied • Septic system yield not applied	• Continued application of natural and historic/cultural GPOs, as modified for adopted RMP: o Steep Slopes - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Highlands Open Waters and Riparian Areas - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Critical Habitat (includes T&E species wildlife habitat and Significant Natural Areas and Vernal Pools with 1000 foot buffers) - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Carbonate Rock Areas - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Lake Management Areas - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Forest Resource Areas and forest resources - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Agricultural Resource Areas and important soils - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Prime ground water recharge - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Wellhead protection areas - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP o Total Maximum Daily Loads - RMP GPOs provided to NJDEP o Water availability and deficit subwatershed mitigation - RMP GPOs and Program provided to NJDEP o Historic & cultural resources - Conformance standards provided to NJDEP • Water and Wastewater capacity evaluated - RMP GPOs provided to NJDEP • Application of Smart Growth standards for requiring or encouraging development patterns in the Region that are consistent with existing infrastructure and land uses. Discourage scattered piecemeal and inefficient development patterns, including minimum residential and non-residential densities for sewer service area extensions. - RMP GPOs and conformance standards provided to NJDEP • RMP median nitrate targets and septic system yields would be applied for the Planning Area; NJDEP Highlands Rules targets would be applied in the Preservation Area. - RMP GPOs provided to NJDEP