

RESOLUTION 2017-3

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act or Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council or Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 8(a) of the Highlands Act mandates that the Council prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan (RMP) for the Highlands Region; and also states that the RMP “shall be periodically revised and updated at least once every six years, after public hearings;” and

WHEREAS, the Council has prepared draft Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend the Highlands Regional Master Plan (draft Procedure); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council is in the middle of the six-year review of the RMP required by the Highlands Act and is preparing a Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR), which may include one or more recommendations to amend the RMP;

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff and the RMP Update Committee (Committee) have developed a procedure for considering proposals to amend the RMP that may arise out of the Monitoring Program, and the Committee has recommended that the Council utilize these procedures going forward to finalize the MPRR and to consider any proposals to amend the RMP recommended in the MPRR; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the draft Procedure should be utilized by the Highlands Council going forward to finalize the MPRR and to consider any proposals to amend the RMP, and that the final Procedure be adopted by the Council as an amendment to the RMP at such time that the Council adopts other proposed amendments to the RMP arising out of the MPRR;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

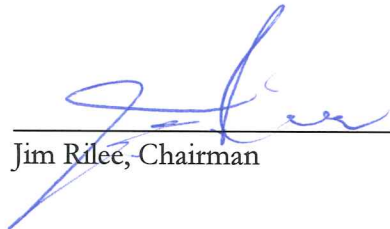
1. The Highlands Council shall utilize the draft Procedure going forward to finalize the MPRR and to consider any proposals to amend the RMP arising out of the MPRR; and
2. The Highlands Council shall adopt a final version of the Procedure as an amendment to the RMP in accordance with the Procedure at such time as the Council adopts any other amendments to the RMP arising out of the MPRR.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2017.



 Jim Riley, Chairman



**Vote on the Approval of
This Resolution**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Dougherty	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Dressler	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Francis	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Holtaway	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember James	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Richko	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Sebetich	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Tfrank	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Visioli	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vohden	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Walton	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Chairman Riley	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____