

RESOLUTION 2018-12
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHLANDS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
RELEASE THE "MONITORING PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION REPORT" TO
THE PUBLIC

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

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act also requires that the Highlands Council conduct a review of the Highlands RMP at least once every six years and that the RMP "shall be periodically revised and updated at least once every six years, after public hearings"; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council is completing the six-year review of the RMP required by the Highlands Act and as part of that process released a draft Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (Recommendation Report) for public comment, which includes one or more recommendations to amend the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Council prepared a document entitled "Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend the Highlands Regional Master Plan" (Procedure); and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2017 the Council approved Resolution 2017-3 stipulating that the Highlands Council shall utilize the Procedure going forward to finalize the Recommendation Report and to consider any proposals to amend the RMP arising out of the Recommendation Report; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2018 the Council approved Resolution 2018-11 adopting the Procedure as an amendment of, and addendum to, the Highlands RMP; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017 the Council voted to release the draft Recommendation Report for public comment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the public participation requirements set forth in the Procedure, the Highlands Council, by public notice dated July 11, 2017, established a period for public comment from July 11 to September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has provided the Highlands Council its response to all comments and other input received from interested parties during the public comment period, including any proposed changes to the draft MPRR based upon the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the RMP Amendment Committee has reviewed the final Recommendation Report and recommends its release to the public;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby approves the final Recommendation Report for release to the public and directs that the Executive Director, or her designee, take the following actions:

1. Publicly release the final Recommendation Report, including all addenda, by posting same to the Council's website;
2. Transmit the final Recommendation Report to the Governor and to the New Jersey Legislature; and
3. Transmit the final Recommendation Report to the governing body of every municipality and county located in the Highlands Region and to the State Planning Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18TH day of October, 2018.



 Carl Richko, 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 Sebetich						✓
Councilmember Visioli		✓	✓			
Councilmember Vohden			✓			
Councilmember Walton						✓
Chairman Richko			✓			