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MEMORANDUM

To: Plan Conformance Committee
From: Lisa J. Plevin, Executive Director
Subject: Committee Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2022
Date: April 12, 2022

A Plan Conformance Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 3:00pm via Zoom teleconference.

Committee Members present: Council Chair Richko, Committee Chair Dressler, and Committee Members Van Abs and Vohden.

Staff Members present: Lisa J. Plevin, Gabrielle Gallagher, James Humphries, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Kelley Curran, Corey Piasecki, Neda Hartman, Carole Ann Dicton, and Annette Tagliareni

Also present: Jeffrey Nielson, Associate Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit

The meeting began at 3:00pm.

Ms. Plevin opened the meeting by stating that the two items on today's agenda are:

1. Petition for Plan Conformance for Union Township (Hunterdon County)
2. Follow up on Clinton Township's Amended Petition for Center Designations

Petition for Plan Conformance – Union Township (Hunterdon County)

At this time, Corey Piasecki, Principal Planner gave a presentation on Union Township's Petition for Plan Conformance for the Preservation Area.

Member Van Abs asked if the Stormwater Mitigation Plan is for the entire municipality. Mr. Piasecki responded that it is for the entire municipality, also applicable to the Planning Area. There was discussion on the stormwater management plan and stormwater mitigation plan. Ms. Curran, Science Manager, clarified that the basic Highlands Stormwater Management Planning Program consists of three (3) components, one of which is the stormwater mitigation plan.

Committee Chair Dressler asked for a motion to move Union Township's Petition for Plan Conformance to the full Council for consideration.

Member Van Abs made a motion and Chair Richko seconded it. All were in favor.

Amended Petition for Plan Conformance with Center Designations – Clinton Township (Hunterdon County)

Mr. Piasecki gave a summary on the Committee's November meeting regarding Clinton Township's two proposed centers in the Township's Planning Area. One of the proposed Centers located in the Annandale section of the Township, along I-78, Route 22 and the Annandale Railroad Station, is a development of 400 units, 20% of which will be affordable, however, the subwatershed for this parcel is in a deficit. Following the Committee's discussion of the site in November, Highlands Environmental Resource Zones (HERZ) were added to the Centers, which will provide similar resource protections as the Protection Area. Mr. Piasecki also noted that in the Consistency Review and Recommendations Report (the Report) the Township is required to complete a Water Use and Conservation Management Plan and, per Regional Master Plan (RMP) policy 2B8b, consumptive and depletive uses may have a target mitigation up to 200%.

Mr. Piasecki noted that the State Planning Commission, Office of Planning Advocacy provided their letter of support on the designation of the Centers.

Mr. Piasecki added that today Council staff is asking the Committee to vote to release the Amended Petition for public comment before it goes to the full Council for consideration at a future meeting.

Member Van Abs referred page 9, paragraph 4, of the Report and suggested that Council staff include a short paragraph earlier in the Report regarding how RMP Objective 2B8b relates to conditional water availability.

Committee Chair Dressler asked for a motion to release Clinton Township's Amended Petition to the public for public comment.

Chair Richko made a motion and Member Vobden seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.