

March 12, 2009

RESOLUTION # 66-2009
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 *et seq.*, finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of High Bridge lies within the Highlands Region Planning Area as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of High Bridge believes that it may be in the best interest of the Borough to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, This Notice of Intent specifies that the Governing Body of the Borough of High Bridge intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Governing Body of The Borough of High Bridge has set August 27, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.



Mark Desire, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane L. Seals, Municipal Clerk, RMC

I, Diane L. Seals, Municipal Clerk, hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of High Bridge Council at a meeting duly held on the 12th day of March, 2009; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.



Diane L. Seals, Municipal Clerk

Date 3-26-09