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Highlands Planning and Water Protection Council  
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### **RE: HIGHLANDS RPM CONFORMANCE-SOMERSET COUNTY**

Dear Chairman Weigart and Executive Director Swan:


On behalf of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Planning Board, I am forwarding to the Highlands Council the required Resolutions and documents for Basic County Conformance for the Preservation Area in Somerset County.

These Resolutions were acted upon at the Planning Board's November 17, 2009 meeting and the Board of Chosen's regular December 1, 2009 meeting both of which were duly advertised and open to the public. During the course of the County's involvement in the preparation of the Highlands Regional Master Plan and Plan conformance, the County Planning Board has hosted numerous work meetings with towns and the Highlands RMP has been a frequent topic at our bi-monthly Planning Board Breakfast Forums.

We have acted upon all the mandatory documents for Basic County Conformance for the Preservation Area in Somerset County except the "Regulations Governing the Use of County Land and Buildings". Somerset County is seeking a waiver of this requirement on the basis that the County of Somerset owns no Parks, Open Space, land or buildings in the Preservation Area. Our infrastructure is limited to the right of way associated with Pottersville Road, County 513, and three drainage culverts. There are no plans in our six year capital plans for any new County buildings or structures in the Preservation Area and no Parks are planned.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the Highlands Conformance Review Report and completion of the Basic County Conformance process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Office.

Sincerely,

  
Robert P. Bzik, AICP/PP  
Director of Planning

cc: Board of Chosen Freeholders  
County Planning Board