

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON ★

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December 1, 2009

Eileen Swan, Executive Director Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council 100 North Road (Route 513) Chester, New Jersey 07930

Re: Hardyston Township Submission of Petition for Basic Plan Conformance

Dear Eileen Swan:

Hardyston Township is respectfully submitting the enclosed Petition for Basic Plan Conformance as required by the Highlands Act. Hardyston Township is only seeking Plan Conformance for the portions of the Township located within the Highlands Preservation Area.

Hardyston Township has completed all the planning modules required for Basic Plan Conformance to the best of its ability based on the model documents prepared by the New Jersey Highlands Council. There are various elements within the Environmental Resource Inventory, Highlands Master Plan Supplement, and Land Use Ordinance which may need to be revised or updated prior to their formal adoption by the Township. The Township has outlined these possible revisions and updates in the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and Highlands Implementation Plan and Schedule. The Township believes they can work with the Highlands Council and Staff to implement any of the necessary changes prior to adoption.

Hardyston Township is not currently requesting any Regional Master Plan Updates or Map Adjustments as part of this submission; however the Township reserves the right to request RMP Updates and Map Adjustments for both the Planning and Preservation Areas in the future as part of the ongoing process to achieve Plan Conformance.

The Township's Assistant Planner, Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer will be the designated point of contact throughout the Plan Conformance process. Please feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns at (973) 823-7020 ext. 9444, or via email at cpiccolo@hardyston.com.

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Hardyston Township looks forward to continuing to work with the Highlands Council towards achieving Plan Conformance.

Very truly yours,

Leslie G. Hamilton

Mayor

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CC: Hardyston Township Council Hardyston Township Planning Board

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